

The Jesus Declaration: The Way, The Truth, The Life Week 1 Discussion Questions

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. " John 14:6

GETTING STARTED

What was your favorite part about having Easter at home this year?

Pray together to open your bible study and discussion time.

Designate one person to read Luke 24:1-8 out loud, as the group follows along.

- 1. Why do you think Jesus' friends and followers didn't immediately remember what he had told them about what would take place concerning his death?
- 2.Once they did remember and then saw Jesus ALIVE with their own eyes, some (like Thomas) still had doubts. What was Jesus' invitation in Luke 24:38-39? Is that a meaningful invitation to you? How so? When did you come to see and believe that Jesus really is the way?

Designate one person to read John 14:1-7 out loud, as the group follows along.

- 3. Jesus spoke these words to them before his crucifixion, resurrection, or ascension. What do these words tell us about Jesus' heart for his friends? What does he want them to be assured of?
- 4. We all want to know that we have a place and home. How has your experience of "home" throughout your life influenced your perception of Heaven?
- 5. Thomas (who doesn't seem to have a problem asking questions of Jesus!) says that they don't know where Jesus is going, "so how can we know the way?". How does Jesus respond? What about this declaration is at the same time inclusive and exclusive?

CLOSING QUESTION

Designate one person to read Isaiah 55:7-8 out loud, as the group follows along.

6. If Jesus is the way, why do we like to do things "my way"? What do we need to surrender? What are we unable to do for ourselves that only Jesus, the Way Maker, can do?

Pray together as a group and close your time.

LOOKING AHEAD

In your anchoring time this week...

- Give thanks that Jesus is The Way of God to man and The Way of man to God.
- How has Jesus made a way in your life? Give thanks for what he has done specifically for you.
- Ask God to give you an opportunity to declare Jesus as The Way this week.
- Confess how you have clung to your own way, and acknowledge what you need to surrender to him.

