

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

**John 14:1-7, ESV** – *Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

### Notes:

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 How does Jesus' statement that seeing him is seeing the Father shape your understanding of God's nature?
- 2 How should knowing that Jesus is the *Truth* affect our understanding of truth in our daily lives?

3 How does Jesus give us life both now and in the future?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**A** **John 3:13-18, ESV** – <sup>13</sup> *No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.* <sup>14</sup> *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,* <sup>15</sup> *that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.* <sup>16</sup> *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* <sup>17</sup> *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.* <sup>18</sup> *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

4 What does Jesus mean by his statement in verse 13? Why is this important?

5 How does Jesus’ reference to Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness help explain his own mission on the cross?

6 What does it mean to *believe in him*? How is this connected with Jesus being *the Way*?

**B** **Romans 6:20-23, ESV** – <sup>20</sup> *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.* <sup>21</sup> *But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.* <sup>22</sup> *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.* <sup>23</sup> *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

7 What does it mean to be a *slave to sin*? How does that differ from being a *slave to righteousness*?

8 How can we be free in Christ and yet have an obligation to righteousness? How does the truth that sin is no longer your master practically help you choose righteousness?

9 How does viewing eternal life as a free gift, not earned wages, motivate ongoing spiritual growth and holiness?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week, we learned that Jesus is *the way, the truth and the life*. He is the only way to God, He is truth, where we look for truth, and He gives us eternal life. How are you doing with living according to these truths? What next steps do you need to take in your own faith journey? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to show you what next steps you need to take in your faith journey.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Acts 4:12