

SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"THE TRIPLE THREAT" AUGUST 27

SERIES OVERVIEW:

The Gospel of John was written with an evangelistic purpose as described in John 20:31, "But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name." Jesus declares, "Before Abraham was, I am." John gives us a unique perspective into who Jesus is through the seven "I Am" statements and the seven signs that are only in this Gospel. The truth of the divinity of Jesus is shown in the seven signs and leads us back to the purpose that we would believe and receive the life He offers.

Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc. Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.

1

PRAY

About 1 minute

Open in prayer. Read Psalm 25:1-7 as part of the opening prayer.

2

BIG IDEA

A minute to read

It is Passover week, the week of the crucifixion and Jesus has just finished eating at the last supper with His disciples. Jesus has just told them He will not be with them much longer and where He is going they can't follow. They are confused and worried, but Jesus tells them not to be troubled, because He is going to prepare a place for them. A confused Thomas asks Jesus, "If we don't know where you are going, how are we to know the way?" Jesus responds, **"I am the way, the truth and the life."**

3

CONNECT

About 10 minutes

Share a high and a low from your life this past week. How have you seen God at work in them?

JOHN That You May Believe

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Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." - John 14:6 NLT

Reflect

Read the full passage in your Bible - John 14:1-14.

What stands out to you from the passage and why?

Jesus proclaims these 3 I AMs. What are the implications for you today?

What would it look like to discover your identity in Jesus in a deeper way, maybe more life-encompassing than ever before in your life? Sit with this for a bit.

4

DISCIPLE LIFE DISCUSSION

About 45-50 minutes. Read the Scripture above and discuss the questions there. Additional questions below.

In v1 Jesus tells his troubled disciples to trust in God and also in Him. Trust in God is the antidote for worry. Have you found this to be true? If so, how? If not, describe.

Re-read v 6. Consider each of Jesus' claims with these additional Scriptures. What more do you learn? What additional questions do these stir in you? The Way: Read Acts 4:12 and Heb 10:19-20. The Truth is referenced 42 references to truth in the Book of John. Here are a few: John 1:14, John 4:23-24, and John 8:32. The Life is referenced 36 times in the Book of John. Here are a few: John 1:4, John 3:16, John 5:21, and John 10:10.

Read the questions in the "Live It Out" section and discuss one by one.



DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

Can you say more about that?

How have you seen that play out in your life?

What does that stir up in you?

Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?

What might God be inviting you to do?

5 PRAY:

About 15 minutes

The read the Scripture Card Prayer Prompts below and take a moment for the group to individually and silently reflect on it.

The leader or apprentice may lead the group through a time of popcorn prayer using the three prompts on the Scripture Card.

THE [DISCIPLE] LIFE

Pray

Take a moment to be still. What do you want to thank God for? Go ahead, tell him.

Talk to Jesus about the question from Reflect that's related to discovering deeper identity.

Who could you come alongside this week who needs this as well, who needs to discover their identity in Jesus? Lift them up in prayer right now. "Jesus...reveal yourself to _____. Draw them, awaken them in your love. How might you want me to help them?"

Live It Out

Where have you sought your own way above the way of Jesus? Where have you sought your own truth above the truth of Jesus? Where have you sought to find life apart from Jesus? Repent of anything that surfaces and set your heart on following Jesus this week.

**Jesus, thank you for inviting me
into this LIFE of following you today!**

LIVE IT OUT:

About 2 minutes

Read the "Live It Out" section and invite the group to spend quiet time in prayer this week and then acting on it as Jesus directs them.