

The Way to a Resurrected Life

John 14:1-7

*“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- John 14:6*

Main Point: The hope of the resurrection provides for us a promise of eternal life.

Introduction: Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

When have you been lost? What did you have to do to get back on track?

Have you ever lost something valuable to you? What did you do in order to find it?

According to the scriptures we are all lost and in need of a way. The Bible tells us in Isaiah 53:6 **“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way.”** We are in need of a way back. Fortunately for us, the verse continues to say **“the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”** Sin caused us to lose sight of God’s intention in our lives, but the way back was solidified through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is only through Him that we can find peace with God and live life eternal.

Jesus provides hope in John 14 through the promise of His word

1. Jesus says OUR HOPE IS IN HIM. Have a volunteer read John 14:1.

Why was Jesus concerned the disciples were troubled? Look back at **John 13:36-38** for insight.

The phrase “Believe in God” could also be rendered in the Greek as the statement **“You believe in God.”** Applying this concept to the verse, how would this encourage and give the disciples hope? How does it give you hope today? (Tip: Say it out loud!)

The connotation for the word ‘believe’ in v.1 is the same as that of **Isaiah 28:16**. Read this verse and discuss the hope we have in the One who laid the foundation for our salvation. What idea does Isaiah amplify here that gives you hope of God’s salvation being worthy of belief?

How does putting our hope in Jesus remove the anxiety, or haste, of finding a way out of bondage to sin?

2. Jesus provides A PLACE OF HOPE. Have a volunteer read John 14:2.

Name some books or movies that depict heaven. Why do you think people are so interested in these types of film and writing?

What are some cultural ideas about heaven that are often portrayed in books or movies? Why do you think the Bible doesn't include more about what heaven is like?

Read in **Revelation 21:1-4; 15-27**. What is most striking to you about what you will experience in heaven? What are you most excited about when spending your eternity there?

3. Jesus PROVIDES THE DIRECTIONS. Have a volunteer read JOHN 14:3-7.

How is Jesus statement of being "the way" such a radical change/fulfillment of Old Testament Law? See passages such as **Exodus 26:33, Leviticus 16, Leviticus 10:2, Numbers 17:5** for insight and discuss.

You may have heard of the term "The Roman Road." It is the plan of salvation outlined in the book of Romans using a few key verses. Check these out for a road map to Salvation through Jesus:

- 1) I consider myself a good person...won't that be enough?
See: **Romans 3:23, 3:10, 5:12**
 - 2) Is sin really that big a deal? If so...what hope do I have?
See: **Romans 6:23**
 - 3) After what I've done to grieve God, why would he willingly die in my place?
See: **Romans 5:8**
 - 4) How can I be saved?
See: **Romans 10:9-10**
 - 5) Did God hear and accept me?
See: **Romans 10:13**
 - 6) What do I do now?
See: **Romans 10:17** and ask yourself...who needs to hear what I now know?
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Pray:

Pray God would lead you to a place of repentance and dependence on Him for your salvation. Ask Him to use you to spread the message of living a Resurrected Life!

Coming up the Life of VillageChurch:

May 14: Baby Dedication

- Send full name of child to be dedicated to kerri@blythewoodvillage.com

May 28: Graduation Sunday

- Send picture of your graduate and name of school graduating from and where they are heading to james@blythewoodvillage.com

July 10-12: Vacation Bible School