

## Next Steps 2

John 14:5-14

### **Ask them this:**

What does it mean if something is "true?"  
What makes it true? How do you know that it is true?

### **Say something like this:**

In John 14, Jesus makes one of the most provocative statements of his ministry. If he said it in today's culture, he would be laughed at by the secular world. Let's look at what he said.

### **Read this:**

John 14:5-14

### **Ask them this:**

What is this "way" that Jesus is referring to?

What does Jesus mean when he says that he is the truth? (*Truth is not something to be grasped but received by being in relationship with Jesus. To know the truth is to be in unity with the will of God*)

What is good about Philip's question?  
What does Philip not understand?

### **Say something like this:**

Jesus begins to remind the disciples that he does not speak on his own authority but the authority of God the Father.

### **Ask them this:**

As Christians, we believe that Scripture is the authority of our beliefs. What makes this difficult for people to understand? Why

is this difficult even for Christians to stand by sometimes?

What are these "greater things" that Jesus is referring to? (*Sharing the Gospel that will change people's lives*)

### **Say something like this:**

Now that we've talked about the biblical story, let's talk about how this applies to our own lives and the vision of the church.

### **Ask them this:**

With this Scripture in mind, what all does the invitation "Follow me" from Jesus involve?

We have to make this decision to follow Jesus daily. What are some things that stand in the way of that?

What do people that don't know Jesus believe is truth? How does this effect the way we love the people around us if they do not believe the truth that we know?

### **Challenge them with this:**

The first invitation in Matthew 4:19, "Follow me," is a decision we have to make with our minds. In order to love God with all of our mind, we need to stretch our minds by reading and meditating on the Word of God. This week, if you don't already have some kind of routine, make the daily decision to follow Jesus with your mind. Dig into Scripture. How can we as a group keep each other accountable for this week?