

Growth Group Lesson: March 16 - 17, 2024

Title: Invitation to Hope, Pt 3 - “Invited into The Way” - John 14:1-7

Big Idea: Trust in Jesus as the way, truth, and life.

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

We celebrated baptism weekend for Student Ministry. Have you been baptized? Why or why not?

Read John 14:1-7. Why are the disciples troubled? What reason does Jesus give them NOT to be?

JESUS IS THE WAY

Read Acts 18:26; Acts 19:9,23; Acts 24:14,22; 2 Peter 2:2. Why do you think Christians were commonly called “people of the Way, or belonging to the Way?”

Read Hebrews 10:19-20. Why do we need a way? What benefit do we enjoy as followers of Jesus when we trust him as the way?

How does the concept of reconciliation play into Jesus being described as "the way"? What implications does this have for humanity's spiritual condition?

In what practical ways can Christians communicate the exclusivity of Christ's claims while still engaging with people of other faiths or worldviews in a gentle and loving manner?

JESUS IS THE TRUTH

How does Jesus' role as truth-bearer challenge our culture's notions of knowledge and understanding?

Discuss the balance between exclusivity and inclusivity in the Gospel of John. How does the Gospel both invite everyone to believe while also emphasizing the necessity of belief in Christ?

We live in a moment of culture that some have defined as “truth decay.” You can find plenty of lies about who God is, who we are, and what makes for the good life. What lies are you tempted to believe that contradict the truth about Jesus or what he teaches?

Read John 8:31-32. Reflect on the statement, "the truth will set you free." How does knowing Jesus as the truth bring freedom to believers?

JESUS IS THE LIFE

What role does Jesus play as "the life," particularly in the context of regeneration and eternal life?

Consider the role of Jesus' Word in conveying the power of life. How does the gospel message bring about spiritual transformation and renewal?

Read Psalm 119:50. How do you see this in your own life?

Reflect on how the concept of Jesus as "the life" influences your understanding of purpose and meaning in life. How does this perspective shape your priorities and values?

"Next Steps" Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

With God:

- Discuss practical ways in which we can prioritize our study of Scripture over other sources of information in today's digital age. How can we ensure that our focus remains on Jesus as the ultimate truth?

With Others:

- Register for our Apologetic Conference: Reasons to Believe.
- We had our Student Ministry takeover this weekend. What are some practical ways that you can encourage some of the students in our congregation?

On Mission:

- Use the explorer questions that were handed out this weekend to engage with the one that you're praying about inviting to Easter. (and/or any other unbelievers in your life)
- Spend some time dedicated in prayer for them.