

“I AM: The Way, the Truth and the Life” (Wayne Burnham)

Our culture today is basically searching for three things:

1. Some direction (the way),
2. Something that is real (the truth), and
3. Something that will last forever (life).

All of man's questions of life are answered in this verse.

John 14:6 NIV—

1. People are looking for some “direction”

THE WAY – Jesus is the way, not just a way

- The world tells us that there are many ways, or roads, to reach God
- Maybe you've heard that all religions essentially lead up the same mountain. They're all true, and they all essentially say the same thing, but the Bible says something very different.

Proverbs 14:12 – Matthew 7:13-14

2. People are searching for something “real”

THE TRUTH – Jesus isn't a version of the truth, He is the truth

- Many have accepted their own truths or that there is **no absolute truth except what they determine as true**. Truth has been redefined in this generation. It's “little t-truth”
- If I love you, if I care for you, the kindest thing that I can do is say to you, “**Your truth, your little ‘t’ truth, is not the truth.**”
- Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth.” Truth is a **person**, not a concept.

John 8:31-32 NIV – John 17:15-17: Jesus' prayer for you and me

3. People are searching for something that will last “forever”

THE LIFE – Jesus didn't offer secrets to life, He is life

John 10:10 NIV

- If you want a full abundant life, it's only found in **Jesus Christ**. And so, Jesus calls us to Himself, and when He calls us to Himself, He calls us away from sin.

Romans 8:6-11 NIV

- Sin is not just a bad idea. Sin will kill you
- This is why a message about **tolerance towards sin is so unloving**
- Jesus is calling us to a life of obedience

John 14:15 NLT – John 14:31 NLT – Romans 8:6-7 NIV

Questions to consider:

Looking for direction: The WAY

- Are you walking in the “way” of Jesus?
- Are you ready to lay down your way of life and follow Jesus?

Need something “real”: The TRUTH

- Have you been living in your version of “little t-truth”?
- Are you ready to accept the Truth of who Jesus is?

Looking to experience a life that will “last forever”: The LIFE

- Do you want to experience the life Jesus has for you?
- What areas of your life do you need to become more obedient in order to walk in the fullness of life with Jesus?

For Small Group Discussion: What did Wayne say this week that made you think?

Opening Question: Who would you like to be neighbors with in heaven?

Main Point: Jesus is the source of all truth and knowledge about God.

Main Scripture: John 14:1-7

Head:

- If someone asked you how to get to heaven, what would you tell them?
- How would you help someone who says that all “truths” lead to heaven?

Heart:

- How did you attempt to find the way/truth/life before meeting Jesus?
- Jesus says “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” What has troubled your heart lately, and how can you press into Jesus during this time?

Hands:

- What opportunities do we have to represent Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life in our current culture and community?

Additional Scripture: Romans 8:6

Tips and Resources: Commit John 14:6 to memory



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