

The Life Challenge

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

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WARM - UP

Jesus is preparing his disciples for a big change. It's days before his crucifixion and resurrection. They still don't fully understand what is about to happen, but we know (from the benefit of history) of all that is going to unfold. Read John 14:1-4 with this perspective in mind. Why is Jesus saying this and how important is it for the disciples to know these truths? Also think about how you have responded to changes in the past. When you were in the middle of change, were you happy with how you reacted? What is your general approach to change?

DISCUSSION

1. Read the rest of the passage (from verse 5 to 14). As it's read, what words or phrases seem significant to you? Share those observations.
2. The word 'way' implies a journey or picture of a highway. What does it mean to have Jesus as your journey?
3. Jesus says he is the way, truth and life. Share where you are currently at when it comes to Jesus as your way, your truth and your life. It's ok to share struggles or ways you want to grow when it comes to how you have applied this to your life.

DISCUSSION

4. Believe in Jesus is the BIG THEME of John. Why is Jesus emphasizing this to Philip? What truth seems to be missing with the disciples?

5. Ask anything in Jesus' name and he will do it (verse 14). Wow, that's a powerful verse. Anything? This is a big challenge (and excitement) to our personal faith in Christ. Share where you've seen this and where you have fears around this truth.

APPLICATION

Use the following verses to lead you in a group prayer time. Have someone read each verse slowly and pray around them and through them as a group. Have a prayer time where you bring your hearts desires and fears to God.

Read Ps 27:11; Prov 10:29; Is 55:9; Galatians 3:1-5

NOTE: We pray with grace, realizing the journey with Jesus is just that - it's a journey. We are all a work in progress. There is no judgment on where we are at or where we think someone else should be at. There are no 'shoulds'. There is just meeting Jesus wherever we are at, confessing and moving forward. We put a fancy word on it "sanctification" but it just means bringing our whole lives to the way, the truth and the life. Amen.