

## I Am - Week 3, 3/15/2020

This quarter we are exploring the spiritual practice of Gratitude. Take a few minutes in silence to give thanks to God for this season, month, week, day, hour. Give thanks to God for all that He has done for you, and meditate on His generosity.

Dave's sermon this week focused on Jesus' declaration that He is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). This is a difficult statement to swallow in a pluralistic society where everyone seems to have their own truth. Read the broader context of this statement in John 14:1-11. Then consider the following questions.

Discussion Questions:

- Do you struggle with Jesus' claim that he's the only way to the Father?
  - In the context of this passage, what does that really mean?
  - What troubles you about his claim? Be honest about your questions and / or doubts.
  - Given what you read in this passage and your discussion, can you restate Jesus' claim in your own words?
  
- We often hear the objection that there are good, moral people who don't follow Jesus. Why shouldn't they inherit eternal life? However, the Bible says that there are no "good" people (read Ps 14:1-3; Lk 18:18-19).
  - What is the Bible telling us here? How can you explain these passages to people in your own words?
  
- Another common objection is that some people have never heard about Jesus, so how can they be blamed or even go to hell? The Bible answers this objection in Romans 1:20 and 2:12-16. Read these passages.
  - What accommodation does Paul make for those who don't know about Jesus or who haven't heard the Biblical rules for living (i.e. "the Law", ex. Love God with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself, etc.)?
  - How can you restate his ideas in your own words?
  
- How can we hold fast to Jesus' exclusive claim to be the one who shows us the way to the Father, while at the same time still welcoming and loving all people? Is there any way in which we can show people the way to the Father, similar to the way Jesus does?