

**Sermon Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Live Stream**  
**May 3, 2020**

This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and small groups to use it. When we hear God's Word read and explained, we need to do more than listen. The Bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:22)." **Step 1: GATHER** with your family or small group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon using the Discussion Guide (see below). **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or small group.

**Discussion Guide: The Real Jesus - Week 6**

**Discussion Starter 1:** On the night of the Last Supper with His disciples, Jesus gave them a "Farewell Address" recorded in John 13:31-16:33. Judas had just left and now with His eleven remaining disciples, Jesus tells them that He is leaving. Take a moment with your family or small group to discuss a time when you faced the difficulty of someone close leaving. Maybe they were leaving on a trip or maybe it was that difficult experience death when someone close to us passes away. How did you deal with that sense of loss? Do you remember any last words or farewells that were spoken during that time?

**Discussion Starter 2:** In John 14:1-3, Jesus shares words of comfort to His disciples. He is leaving them, but He is ultimately leaving so they will one day be with Him. Pastor George mentioned that translations that use the word "mansions" to describe our heavenly home come up short in giving the true meaning of that verse. A better translation is "place to dwell, live, or abide." Those who die in Christ will not have their own "mansion," but they will actually have something much better. What will make our dwelling place in heaven so amazing? Hint: It is a person and his initials are J.C.

**Self-Evaluation:** Read John 14:6. When Jesus is asked about how to get to a dwelling place in heaven, He described Himself as the way. Pastor George said, "the way we get to heaven is not a set of directions, a geographical road map, or a chart of the universe. It is a person." Many people believe that the way to heaven and eternal life is to follow moral directions or a moral compass, but the only way we can get to heaven is by a relationship with Jesus Christ. Have you entered this relationship with Jesus by turning from everything else and trusting in Jesus alone for salvation? If you have not, why not call out to Jesus today and believe in Him and be saved? Contact one of our pastors at CF and we would love to talk with you more about giving your life to Jesus.

**Going Deeper:** In the last part of John 14:6, Jesus makes it clear that He is the only and exclusive way to heaven. He says, "no one comes to the Father except through me." George made the shocking statement that "all roads lead to God." Read Philippians 2:9-11. How do these verses help us understand what George meant? Talk with your family or small group about how many religions believe that they will reach God. Ask if anyone has struggled with understanding or believing that some people could be saved apart from Jesus. Do you see that Jesus teaching in John 14:6 shows us that only those who have a relationship with Jesus will be saved?

**Doing the Word:** Take the time this week to memorize John 14:6. Try to say it every day. If you have experienced Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, then take time this week to thank Him and praise Him. As you go through your daily life, consider the people with whom you come into contact in your home, at work, in our community, and on social media. How could you point them to Jesus as the Way to eternal life? How could you move a conversation from ordinary topics to speaking about Jesus?