



## Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: My Way: Week 7 (April 7, 2024)

*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, 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 group. Step 2: REVIEW and DISCUSS the key points and scriptures from the sermon. Step 3: PRAY for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

### DISCUSSION STARTER

Is there any facet of your pride that resists resting in salvation by faith in Christ alone? Discuss.

### DIGGING DEEPER 1

**Read Mark 8:31, 9:30-31; John 2:17-22.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: What news did Jesus repeat privately to the disciples? What frightened the disciples? How do you think Jesus felt about His disciples in this situation? Compare what Jesus says in 9:30-31 with what He said in 8:31. What do you think the disciples still don't understand and why are they afraid to ask Him about it? What do the people misunderstand in John 18-22? What similarities or differences do you see in verse 17 and verse 22? For Christians today, where is the temple of God? (John 1:14, 1 Corinthians 3:16) Are you tempted to put your faith in miracles, signs, or even people? What steps can you take to depend on God alone? In these verses did Jesus speak clearly about his death and resurrection? Did this prediction by Jesus move the Jews to accept Him as Savior? Why or why not?

### DIGGING DEEPER 2

**Read John 14:6; Acts 13:46; Romans 10:3; Hebrews 10:19-20; 2 Peter 2:1-2.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: What is Jesus' way? Why did the Jews refuse God's way? How did they try to get right with God? Did it work? What was the original movement of the church called? Was it Christians or Christianity? Why did they call themselves this? True or False, anything outside of Jesus' teaching in scripture is false and a lie propagated by evil to steer you away from Jesus. Discuss. What is Satan's weapon against God's people? How was Satan defeated? What much each of us do to be victorious and claim Satan's defeat at the resurrection? Who's way must we choose? Satan is not yet bound and captured. How will he continue to lead us to sin and divert God's purpose to unify all of creation as one. Do you believe Jesus knows that Satan will persecute you if you choose to follow God's way? So how do we respond?

### DIGGING DEEPER 3

**Read John 16:7; Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 2:11-16.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: What did Jesus say to his disciples in John 16:7? Why is it better that Jesus leave? Who is the Helper? What do we need the Helper for? Satan knows that if you have accepted Christ as the way to salvation then he has lost you. But does he give up? How does he still persecute you? What does he hope to accomplish through this persecution? How did Jesus make a way to empower you through and beyond the pain, suffering, and persecution to fulfill God's purpose? How are doing in filling His purpose (Matthew 28:19)? God's desire was to rule and reign over all creation as King. God's desire was to have all creation as one nation under God. Has that desire and plan changed? How do we know that plan has never changed?

### DOING THE WORD

**Read Matthew 16:18.** We are God's chosen people who are called and empowered to bring salvation to all the earth. The Church is composed of those individuals who have by faith accepted Christ Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Jesus, Abraham's descendant, made a way for all people to know God. The Church is the Body of Christ, and He is the Lord, the Authority, the King who is reigning over the church from His throne in Heaven. The Church is universal in scope but meets locally in smaller bodies. We are the one to continue to carry out the purpose of the Jews as God's chosen people to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the Earth until that day when Christ officially joins the Church and Jews as one nation. Are you part of Jesus' team? Close in prayer and praise.