

Dear Life Group Leaders,

This is one of the most famous passages in John's Gospel. Jesus is comforting his disciples in the build up to his arrest, trial and death. He calls us to trust in him. We need to hear this today too. There are so many sources of stress and worry in our lives, and our future can feel so uncertain if we just look at the unfolding events around us. This is an excellent passage to draw your Life Group to consider Christ and his claims. Exhort each other to trust in him because he is the way, the truth and the life. He is the one who is preparing a place for us.

God bless, take care and stay strong,

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## **LIFE GROUP GUIDE**

### **John 14:1-11**

**This week's BIG IDEA:** Trust in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, who has secured our future.

#### **Please read John 14:1-11**

1. Even though we're starting a new chapter in John's Gospel we're actually jumping in to the middle of a conversation. What is the context of this passage? What's just happened in John 13?  
*[Leaders note: Make sure you clock that... it's less than 24 hours until Jesus death and Jesus has washed the disciples feet, he's predicted Judas' betrayal, his own death, then Peter's betrayal.]*
2. What is the structure of this passage?  
*[Leaders note: These verses are part of a longer discourse. We start with Jesus still answering Peter's question in John 13:37, then he answers Thomas, then he answers Philip.]*
3. v1, can you sympathise with the disciples' troubled hearts? What troubles your heart?  
*[Leaders note: Most immediately the disciples are worried by Jesus' predictions of betrayal, death and denial. They are facing an unknown and scary future. Something we can sympathise with during these uncertain and stressful days.]*
4. v1, what is the antidote to worry? How can we develop a robust trust in God by trusting in Jesus?
5. v2-4, what comfort does Jesus offer to his disciples?  
*[Leaders note: Our eternal future is secure.]*
6. v5, do you share Thomas' question? How common to you think this question is in your community?
7. v6-7, what do you make of Jesus' claim to be the way, the truth and the life?
8. What does it mean that Jesus is the way?
9. What does it mean that Jesus is the truth?
10. What does it mean that Jesus is the life?
11. v8-11, what does Philip want? And how does Jesus comfort him? What claim is Jesus making about himself in his answer?  
*[Leaders note: we've seen God because we have seen Jesus. We can believe in him and his works. This is a clear claim to equality with God. Jesus is claiming to be divine in these verses (e.g. v10).]*
12. Review the passage as a whole. How many different ways and times does Jesus comfort and reassure his disciples? How can you apply this teaching to help you in moments of worry and anxiety?
13. Finish in prayer for specific needs within the group, praising Jesus for the comfort he gives to us amongst our troubles.