

"Jesus said, 'I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" August 6, 2017

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:5-6

1. Jesus provides a **glimpse** into the future kingdom. John 14:1-3

2. Jesus provides the **<u>only way</u>** into God's kingdom and the **<u>only truth</u>** about life. John 14:4-6

3. Jesus provides the *clearest description* of God. John 14:7-11

4. Jesus provides help and comfort Inside us. John 14:12-18

Group/Family/Personal Study Questions

"Without the Way there is no going, without the Truth there is no knowing, without the Life there is no living. I am the way that you should follow, the truth that you should believe, the life that you should hope for. I am the inviolable way, the infallible truth, the indestructible life. I am the straightest way, the sovereign truth, the authentic life." Thomas a Kempis (*On the Imitation of Christ 1471*) on Christ's claim in John 14:6.

How would you describe heaven to someone who asked you what it will be like?
What is the cause of most of the conflict in this world, conflict between individuals and between nations?

3. Does Christian faith, Jesus, promote the use of violence and aggression? Explain.

4. In the past 100 years why have there been so many wars and acts of genocide?

5. Why is Jesus' claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life offensive to some? If we reject Jesus as the Way and the Life what are our other options?

6. Is there such a thing as truth with a capital "T"? How can we discover this Truth?7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in a Christian's life? How can a Christian be more aware of, and responsive to, the promptings and leading of the Holy Spirit?

Reflection/Action:

Spend a few minutes in silence and then in prayer. What part of Jesus' way, His truth, His life are you struggling with currently? Reflect on why you are struggling. What other options do you have and how are those other options working for you and others?