



Discussion Questions 2/5/23

I Am The Way The Truth And The Life

Family Check-up:

What is God teaching you in your quiet time?

Who have you had the privilege of reaching out to this week?

Intro: Is Jesus the only way to heaven? There are a lot of different religions and a lot of ideas about heaven and eternal life. It seems rather arrogant to claim that Jesus is the only way. But Jesus is the only one who did what it took to redeem the relationship between God and man. Jesus understood that truth is not subjective and he himself is the truth.

Read: Read John 14:1-6

1. Sometimes we look at the Bible as if it was a list of rules. While it is not a list of rules, but rather a story that points to Jesus, Jesus still calls himself the way. What sort of boundaries does Jesus provide to help you have the abundant life?
2. Pastor Ricky taught that truth is the way things really are. How does Jesus show us how things really are? How does he show us who we're really supposed to be? Consider different revelations in Scripture, as a revelation is a way of describing a pulling back of a curtain to see reality in a new way.
3. Being a Jesus follower shows us that truth is objective. Not everyone believes that and some define truth different than Christians. How can you approach truth with people who have differing opinions? How do you think Jesus would approach these people?
4. Read Genesis 3. The first time the "way" is mentioned in the Bible is right after Adam and Eve attempted to define truth on their own terms. As they manipulated **truth** they were blocked from the **way** and from **life**. As Cain and Able brought their sacrifices in Genesis 4 at the way, they found sin and death. Jesus' sacrifice was the true sacrifice that brought the way to life. Spend time as a group considering other stories in the Bible that point to this teaching of Jesus and how they help us have a more holistic understanding of Jesus teaching. (See end of document for note).
5. The eternal life that Jesus promises starts now. Think about the world around you and what needs life. Think about the people around you who seem too far gone to even try to share the Gospel with them. How does it change your optimism to consider that Jesus is able to bring life to all things **now**?

Pray: Pray for life for the dead and broken things around you. Pray that the work that Jesus has begun in you would continue and would permeate into every area of life around you. That things would be resurrected by the only one who can.

Note:

This is a more involved and difficult exercise than is normally asked of groups. If you need help consider some of the major Bible stories. Daniel in the lion's den is a good example where Daniel's commitment to truth brought life where there should have been certain death. Think of these major Bible stories and even lesser known Bible stories and how they point to this teaching from Jesus.