

Community Group Discussion Questions

“One-Way” John 14:1-6 April 22/23

Getting Started

It is important to note that the exclusivity of Jesus is not based upon a lack of being inclusive, but instead a factual reality of the “law of non-contradiction”, which states when two statements are opposed to each other, one must be false. Therefore, Jesus is fully inclusive to all people, through the exclusive reality that: “JESUS plus nothing is everything”

“Any man that walks out of His own grave has the authority to do whatever He wants to do.” - Winston Churchill, Prime Minister: England

Many people believe there are many pathways to God, and that all that matters is that people are sincere in their intentions. **Why do you think people want there to be many ways to God?** (*Possible answer: if I can create my own way to God, or follow some man-made religion, then I can control my own destiny*)

However, that belief system does not fit with the claim Jesus made. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.” **If we believe this, then what is the most loving thing we can do for those who are seeking their own path?** (*Possible answer: point them to Jesus, who claimed to be the way, truth, and life*)

Going Deeper

Three reminders for when the “Tidal Wave of Trouble” overwhelms you:

There is a Command to take Comfort: **Trust** (vs.1)

The statement “Let Not” is an imperative to “stop an act in progress”.

The Antidote for Anxiety is Affirmation and Assurance in Christ.

When you feel the pressure or fear of trouble coming on you, what can you say to yourself to remind yourself of the truth of John 14:1?

There is a Covenant to be Confirmed: **Treasure** (vs. 2-4)

“Mansions” or “rooms” are a reference to a face-to-face dwelling of permanency.

The Covenant language of Jesus in stating, “I go” and “I will” is wedding terminology.

The use the word ‘abode’ to describe a place where someone lives. We get the word ‘abide’ from it too. In a similar way to how a new husband and wife walk into their new home together, Jesus is promising us that in heaven, we will live with Him, and be face-to-face with Him. He treasures us and the relationship He has with us.

While we wait for heaven, what can you do right now to enjoy this same kind of friendship and relationship with Jesus? How can you experience Him face-to-face today?

There is a Confession unto Commitment: **Turn** (vs. 5-6)

The 6th of the “I Am” statements of Jesus answers three life changing questions:

- How can I be saved? The Way of Reconciliation

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. To be reconciled means that you repair a broken relationship. Since God is perfect and we were sinners, how did Jesus repair our broken relationship?

- How can I be sure? The Truth through Revelation

Read John 8:26-32. Why was Jesus able to claim He spoke the truth and was the truth?

- How can I be satisfied? The Life through Regeneration

Read Titus 3:3-8. Who was involved in saving us?
(v. 4 Father, v. 5 Holy Spirit, v. 6 Jesus Christ)

What is one of the responses of the regenerated life in those who have believed God? (v. 8, *we serve others in Jesus' name*)

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator;
If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist;
If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist;
If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer;
But our greatest need was forgiveness,
so God sent us a Savior.

Group Prayer Requests

Pray for the men of our church to sign up for Mancation (May 5-7) so they can be spiritually challenged and blessed.