



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on November 14, 2021

Sermon: The Way, The Truth, The Life
Text: John 14:1-7

Gathering Guidelines

Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOgYFwFemB0>

Read

John 14:1-7

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker Question: What is your favorite tradition or holiday and why?

Question #1: Read John 14:1-3 again. Have you stopped to really think about the 'rooms' that Jesus said He is preparing for you? Think about the time, work, effort, and resources that are needed to make a room for someone. . .now think about Jesus doing that for you. What does that make you feel about Him?

Additional Question: Do you struggle to see God as being harsh and judgmental toward you? Or maybe you feel that He isn't harsh but generally disappointed in you? Read verse 3 again and consider what you think Jesus' attitude toward you really is.

Question #2: Read verse 4. Jesus says to the disciples (those who have put their lives into Jesus' hands) that they 'know the way' to where Jesus is going.

Where was Jesus going?

What is the way to get there?

Additional Question: If Jesus provides the way to get to heaven, makes a room for you and promises to come back and take you to be with Him, then how do you think He feels about helping you navigate life right now?

Question #3: Read verse 5. Thomas didn't understand where Jesus was going, he didn't understand the 'plan'. It was beyond him and it confused him. It made him feel like he really *didn't* know the way.

Jesus then said: "I am the way."

Take a few minutes to think about this. . . Jesus is basically telling Thomas that in order to live and move forward into God's desires and provision, then it means *trusting* Jesus with his whole life.

What does trusting Jesus for *your* whole life mean to you?

Do you have a lot of questions?

Do you have trouble even understanding what Jesus might be asking of you?

Talk as openly as you can with each other in your group about this.

Additional Question: What might be one thing that you might do to put your life more fully into Jesus' hands?

Question #4: Jesus said in verse 6 that He is not only the way but that He is also the *truth*. This is hard to understand, because truth is something that is logically understood. But here Jesus is saying that truth is a *person*.

What kind of character traits might Jesus need to have in order to be truth?

Additional Question: If Jesus is *truth*, then how does that make you feel? Confused? Comforted knowing that real truth exists? Does it make you feel frustrated because it doesn't really line up with how you understand truth to work? Or maybe you are feeling *invited to explore this more*. . . If you feel strangely attracted to the last one, then pay attention to that and take some time to pray as a group and ask Jesus to show Himself as Truth to you.

Question #5: The last thing that Jesus describes Himself as is as the *life*. Jesus is talked about in chapter 15 of John as a vine and we are branches. Think about how vines and branches work together. Then think about what Jesus is providing for you to live in the life that comes from Him.

Final Question: Sometimes when you put pressure on an branch it can become stressed and it affects the way the branch grows. What ways can you think that you can put stress on your relationship with Jesus and what do you think His desire for you is?

Invitation and Mission for this week

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. His desire is that more and more people would be blessed and enjoy Him in their lives as well. As a House Church take some time to pray and then throughout the week pray and ask Jesus to show you who He might like to invite into your House Church so they can meet Him too.

Then next week share the name/names of people that the Lord showed you.

Pray for each other