SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / APRIL 28

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read John 13:36–14:9 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "The Christian life is not primarily advice about a better way to live, or information to help you understand all mysteries; it's about a relationship with a person."
- "Jesus says, 'The way to everything you are looking for in life is me. It's knowing me.'"
- "Truth is best known by knowledge of a Person. Knowing him opens your mind to new dimensions of truth, a new vision of reality."
- "Faith is not a blind leap into the dark; it's a leap into the arms of a person we can trust."
- "He is the life. He didn't come just to give life to us; he *is* life to us."

Group Discussion

1. What does this "I am" statement reveal about Jesus? How have all the "I am" statements from this series helped clarify your picture of what it means to follow Jesus?
2. What are some ways you have experienced Jesus as "the way" in your personal life and decision making?
3. How has understanding Jesus as "the truth" influenced your approach to handling doubts, uncertainties, or difficult decisions in your life?
4. The sermon emphasizes relationship over mere religious practices. How can we help each other foster a deeper relational connection with Jesus?
5. How would you engage with someone who finds Jesus' claim to be the *only* way to God narrow-minded or exclusive?

CHALLENGE

- ☐ This week, initiate at least one spiritual conversation with someone who may not share your beliefs. Share how Jesus has been "the way, the truth, and the life" in your own experience. Reflect on the encounter and share how it went with someone in your small group.

PRAYER

- ☐ Ask God to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus, moving beyond mere knowledge to a more intimate connection.

- ☐ Ask God to deepen your understanding of Christ's exclusivity and pray that he would provide opportunities to share the gospel with compassion and respect.