

What does God want us to know, to feel, and to do?

Series Title:



“Discussion Night”

The Gospel According to John Ch 14:4-6

May 10th, 2009

Intro:

(Open the floor for participation to the discussion questions...)

DQ. What is life’s greatest question? (Discuss)

John 14:4-5 “You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so **how can we know the way?**"

Everyone wants to know “the way”...

John 14:6 “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jesus is “The Way”: Greek = “*Hodos*” A road on which one travels, a way, a journey; manner of life or action, custom, a way leading to, a method or manner of obtaining; the way of the Lord or of God, sometimes denoting the revealed will of God, also with this in mind, the name given to the early church. The way of the Lord in the beginning of the gospels also refers to the approaching incarnation of Christ and his earthly ministry; Christ calls Himself “the Way” because no one may come to the father but through him.

DQ. How does Jesus being “The Way” to God affect my life?
(Discuss)

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Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Jesus gives us access to God...

John 1:18 (NLT) “No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.”

- No other religion does this... most other religions with an “icon/team captain” introduce themselves as god... that’s final... Jesus (as God incarnate) introduces/reveals God to us... its personal...
 - Ex: If I was lost and needed directions... I could stop and ask for directions... but what if the person (i.e. Satan) gives me like 10 different turns to make and there’s not a lot of signs along the way? Would I continue to be lost? YES... Wouldn’t be better if the person I asked directions for personally showed me the way...?
 - Who are you asking directions for in this life? The World...? Oprah...? The Horoscope...? the internet?
 - And such is life... we all want to know how to have lasting joy and eternal life, who is God and can I approach Him...? and Jesus doesn’t give us a list of complicated directions... rather, He personally says, “Come, I’ll take you there.”
 - “He doesn’t tell us *about* the way... He *is* the way” (W. Barclay)

Deuteronomy 5:33-32 “So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. ³³ **Walk in all the way** that the LORD your God

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has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.”

Isaiah 30:21 “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is **the way**; walk in it.”

Psalms 27:11 “Teach me **your way**, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.”

Jesus is “The Truth”: Greek = “*Aletheia*” Reality, fact.

- Share story about preparing for Pastors Meeting this past week: Here is the problem with those groups of people who acknowledge Jesus as a prophet or good teacher... but ignore what He said... When reading the Words of Christ we must believe that either Jesus was ludicrous and off his meds, or He was who He says He was... The Truth... the Son of God.
 - Many people may tell us truth... but no one has ever embodied it. Jesus says, “I AM truth”...
 - Here’s the catch... you and I acknowledge this truth (Jesus Christ) by faith... Salvation is a work of the Holy Spirit...

DQ. How does Jesus as “The Truth” affect my life? (Discuss)

Jesus as “The Life”: Greek = “*Zoe*” Life, the element or principle of life in the spirit and soul. Not the business of life or the affairs of life. This word is most often used in the connection with eternal life. This life is the very life of God of which believers are made partakers.

- **Matthew 7:14** “But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

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- True life is not found in this lose “anything goes” world... rather, a truly blessed life comes from knowing and following Jesus.

DQ. How does Jesus as “The Life” affect my daily grind? (Discuss)

Altar Call/Pray: Do not leave this place without life tonight...

John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”