

# PURSUE

BUILDING FOR PEOPLE. BELIEVING FOR MORE.



## Leader Guide

### The Way, Truth, and Life

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**Main Passage: John 14:1-6**

#### Theological Theme

Mankind is separated from God because of the corruption of sin. Yet, God in His mercy and kindness has provided a way for sinners to be saved through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### Introduction

- ❓ Have you ever been to escape room? How did it go?
- ❓ What is the draw of escape rooms? What makes them tricky?

John 14:1-6 is a passage of comfort. Jesus words were offered in a time of heaviness and darkness. Not only was Jesus anticipating His death on a Roman cross, but His words fell in the shadow of Judas's treachery and Peter's denial. It's hard to imagine that Jesus could be at rest during this time, but He was. Not only did His words convey a personal peacefulness, but He also worked to imbue His disciples with an assurance rooted in the truth of who He was and what was to come. Jesus was comforting the anxiety and fears of His disciples in what must have been a time of personal anguish.

#### 1. Believe Also in Me (John 14:1-2)

There is no doubt that Jesus claimed to be God. No one who reads the gospels can reasonably object to this, no matter how hard certain groups (i.e. Jehovah's Witnesses) have tried to erase Christ's claims. Jesus claimed to be God. The Pharisees hated Him and had Him crucified for it. The disciples found solace and joy in it. Here, Jesus made this claim clear to them again. He said, "Believe in God; believe also in me" (v. 2). He revealed His identity to His disciples to comfort and encourage them. Their hearts were troubled, and Jesus sought to bring peace to their hearts by helping them to understand exactly who it was they were dealing with.

## 2. You Know the Way (John 14:3-5)

Although Christ's words were a comfort to the disciples, they are a warning to the world today. While it is a great comfort for those who love Christ to know that He has gone to prepare a place for them and will come back for them, it is to the dismay of those who reject Christ to know anyone who seeks to approach God by any other means will fail. Jesus told His disciples that they knew the way. The reason He could say that is because they knew Him. Jesus never told His followers to believe in themselves, make their own way, or reach their full potential. He told them to forsake sin and trust fully in Him for salvation.

## 3. I Am the Way (John 14:6)

The culmination of this passage is Jesus's monumental statement in verse 6. Jesus claimed that He is the way, the truth, and the life. This statement is an all-encompassing summary of who He was to His disciples and what He is to those who come to Him today. He is the way that leads to eternal life. His Word is the truth that reveals the will of God. And in Him only can a dead sinner find life.

### Questions to Guide Your Group's Discussion

- ❓ What does this passage say?
  
- ❓ What did this passage mean to its original audience?
  
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about God?
  
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about man?
  
- ❓ What does this passage demand of me?
  
- ❓ How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (*How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?*)
  
- ❓ How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

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