

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

SPECIAL NOTE: Consider meeting this week via Zoom or Hangouts. If your group uses videos for discussion, you may want to have your group watch them ahead of time and then meet to discuss what you've watched.

Series Synopsis

According to its author, the gospel of John was written "so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). Over and over again in this gospel Jesus refers to himself as "I am," connecting himself to God as the one who reveals the Father to the world. The God who was named "I AM" to Moses and Israel, now revealed in Christ the Son. In this series we will explore seven of the "I am" statements and metaphors of Jesus, as they draw us deeper into the mystery of God and show us the way to life in Jesus' name.

Message Synopsis

I want a map. I want to know what to do and how to get from point A to point B in the best way possible. I want to know what God requires of me down to every decision about where I should go or what I should do next. I think I want to know what happens next. But Jesus doesn't give us a roadmap; he gives us himself. Jesus doesn't tell us exactly where to go or what happens next; he promises to be with us always. God shows us the way. But it's not with a roadmap of perfect decisions to get to heaven, it's with a way of life in relationship with Christ marked by service and love.

Key Scriptures

John 14:1-11

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. When have you asked like Thomas, how do I know the way? When in your life have you struggled to discern, what should I do next? Or, what is the next best move for my family? How does this conversation change in light of Jesus as the way, truth, and the life?
2. What are you learning in this season about the way to life with God?
3. Re-read John 14:8-11. When have you longed, like Philip, to see the Father? Or asked, God where are you? Where are you seeing God's glory right now?
4. Throughout our series we have noted that there is a sign or wonder of Jesus that precedes each "I AM" statement [the feeding of the 5000 before I AM the bread of life, the healing of the blind man before I AM the gate and I AM the good shepherd, the pardoning of the woman caught in adultery before I AM the

light of the world]. Before this statement, I AM the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Read John 13:1-20. How does this action and conversation impact or enrich how you understand Jesus' invitation into life with God, the Father that follows in John 14?

Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

"I Am Jesus (Session 5 – The Way and the Truth and the Life)"

(located in the "Renovation Group Bible Studies" channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/content/series/328531?episode=5>

1. How does it make you feel to know that God has always desired to be close to us?
2. How does Jesus make a way for all people to have a place to belong? What has the power of belonging meant in your own life?
3. Jesus breathed the breath of life upon the disciples and sent the Holy Spirit upon them after his resurrection so they could continue the work and ministry of Jesus. He empowered them to keep going in his love and presence, even though Jesus was no longer physically with them. He empowered the church to go and be the presence of Christ in the world. How are you pointing others toward Jesus as the source of all life and salvation by how you live and love?
4. Are we loving people like Jesus did, unconditionally and sacrificially?

Family-Related Questions:

Decision-making fatigue or stress is a real thing. With so many options, voices, platforms, and information out there, children and youth are experiencing more and more anxiety in decision-making, both in the day-to-day and at major life transitions. But the Christian life is not about what we do or where we go exactly as the "right thing," but **who** we are with along the way. That is, clinging to Christ and in Christian community.

1. How are you demonstrating this way of life of love and service to your kids now?
2. How can we help our kids understand this "way of life" based on love and service? How can we frame decisions based on, what allows us to love God and others more? How can we invite them into our own decision-making process as an example?