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I Am "The Way, the Truth and the Life"

John 14:1-6 (NLT)
"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. [2]There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? [3]When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. [4]And you know the way to where I am going." [5]"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. [6]No one can come to the Father except through me."

Sermon Summary:

The "I Am" statements are a series of declarations made by Jesus in the Gospel of John which underscore His divine identity and mission. Each of these statements serves not only as a reflection of His nature but also as a way of revealing how He fulfills the spiritual needs of humanity. Jesus wasn't just exercising positive self-talk when He made these bold statements. He was letting the first-century Jews, familiar with God's definition of Himself, know that He truly was God incarnate, the Messiah they were waiting for.

It's important to consider that He knew who He was, and He wanted us to clearly know, too. He can't be minimized to merely our "ticket to heaven" but must be seen as our daily sustenance, our direction, our protector, our sacrificial Savior, our victory over death, our access to the Father and eternal life.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Share about a time you faced a decision in life where you had multiple options but weren't sure which way to go? How did you choose?
2. When you're lost or uncertain about where to go, do you usually trust your instincts or seek advice from others?"
3. Do you think it's easier or harder to find truth in today's world? Why?
4. What is something that has helped you grow in your faith when you were unsure of the next step?"
5. When you think about the statement 'Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life,' what part of that resonates most with you?"

Scripture Study Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus gives the command, "Don't let your hearts be troubled," to his disciples in verse 1?
2. What does Jesus say he will be doing in heaven?
3. Who did Jesus declare he was in verse 6?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the way"?

5. What does Jesus mean when he says, “I am the truth”?
6. What does Jesus mean when he says, “I am the life”?
7. Why is this verse so controversial for many people?

Application Questions:

1. What are some situations in your own life where you have experienced "troubled hearts"? How can Jesus’ words here speak to your current struggles or fears?
2. How does Jesus’ claim of being “the way,” differ from other ways or paths that people follow today?
3. What are some ways we can stand firm on the truth of Jesus while showing grace and love to others?
4. How has knowing Jesus impacted your sense of purpose and meaning in life?
5. How can you share the life of Jesus with those who are spiritually dead?
6. How does understanding that Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life” bring clarity to your life’s journey? Are there specific areas where you need to trust more deeply in Jesus as your way, truth, and life?