

10. I struggle with:

- Believing that anybody can really reach God through the cross (Hitler? Saddam Hussein? Jeffrey Dahmer?)
- Accepting that I can't build the bridge to God myself no matter how much I do, only Christ can.
- Believing that nobody can reach God in any other way but through Christ.
- Believing that Jesus would die on the cross *in my place*.
- Letting Jesus be the issue, not the things I sometimes make the issue.
- Accepting the implications that Jesus is the only way.

11. In order to walk along the Way, I need:

- A flashlight—illumination of my next step
- Courage to face the unknown
- To repent of my sin—make an about face
- A kick in the pants to keep moving
- Support—companions to walk with me along the Way



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Non-Negotiables #2

JESUS IS THE WAY TO GOD

JOHN 14:1-14

We'll be wrapping up this round of Life Groups in just about two months. Make plans to continue to encourage one another over this summer months.



OPEN:
(2 minutes)

1. The best (or worst) trip I've ever taken was...
2. Suppose you were going to take a road trip next week to somewhere you've never been before. How would you go about finding your way to your destination?
 - Map or atlas
 - MapQuest
 - GPS
 - Ask a friend for directions
 - "Directions? I don't need no stinkin' directions."
 - Other _____



DIG: 
(20 minutes)

Read John 14:1-14

3. Put Jesus' statement in John 14:6,7 in your own words. What is the significance of the claims Jesus makes here?

4. Twice in verses 5-11 Jesus tells us he "shows" us the Father. What would you say are some things we can learn about the nature of God from looking at Jesus that we couldn't learn any other way?

5. **In light of John 14:6, how would you respond to someone who says, "There are many ways to God"?**

6. **In what way is faith in Jesus Christ exclusive or narrow? In what way is faith in Jesus Christ inclusive?**

7. **Why are people tempted to create their own 'way' to God? What do those attempts, both "Christian" and not-Christian, look like?**

REFLECT: 
(20 minutes minimum)

8. Do you agree that believing Jesus to be *the Way* is a non-negotiable? Why?

9. Many of us grew up in a world where we could safely assume nearly everyone we knew believed in God and Jesus and would have identified themselves as "Christians." That is no longer the case in our neighborhoods today. **In our culture (especially in the DC area) where there are so many different worldviews and religious views present, how do we present Jesus as the Way without seeming arrogant or condescending in how we approach people with this message? Should we care how we come across to others?**