Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon: Lessons Along the Way
Scripture: John 14:1-7

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" **6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.[d] From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Questions:
Why do you think Jesus described himself as the Way? What does that imply for you and your life as a follower of Jesus?

Can you think of times when you have intentionally gone off the Way of Jesus? What about times you just "missed a turn" and unintentionally found yourself off the path? What helped you get back on track?

How do you feel about trying to follow Jesus? Do you agree with Willard that "grace is opposed to earning but not to effort"? Does following the Way necessarily include change, action and transformation? How does that change happen? What is God's part and what is yours?

Read Ephesians 4:1-3. What kind of life is described? Why do you think many Bibles translate the Greek word for "walk" as our "manner of life"? What does that say about how comprehensive Jesus' claim on us is? How can you now "walk in a manner worthy" of the calling to which God has called you? What specifically will you do this week to walk with Jesus?

Guided Prayer:
In Jeremiah 6:16 God says "stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."
Speak Lord, for you words are truth and life.
Clear out my ears, deaf to your Word because of the din of the world,
And forgive my foolish heart, too quickly convinced of being the authority on what is right and best.
Let me yield my life to your Word and walk in your good Way;
Transform my mind and conform me to the likeness of the Word and the Way,
Jesus. Amen.

Blessings to you this week!
Pastor Steve