

GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Beauty of Christ's Exclusivity

John 14:1-6 | September 6, 2026



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QUICK UPDATES

Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

CONNECT

Where do you most often search for the source of life?

REVIEW

Have someone read the passage out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

In John 14:1–6, Jesus speaks to His disciples on a night when everything they expected seems to be falling apart. Jesus calls them to trust, not in their own strength or understanding, but in Him. His departure will not be a defeat; through His death and resurrection, Jesus will prepare the way for His people to dwell with God. When Thomas asks how they can know the way, Jesus gives them Himself. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no one comes to the Father except through Him. The beauty of Christ's exclusivity is that everything we need for life with God is found completely in Him.

LEARN & LIVE

These questions help us grasp the truth of the passage and consider how to live it out.

- Put yourself in the room with the disciples. Based on John 13:33–38 and 14:1–6, what might have been troubling them at this moment?
- What do you notice about what Jesus does - and does not - promise His disciples in response to their troubled hearts?
- Look closely at verses 2–3. What seems to matter most about the place Jesus is preparing: what it is like, or who will be there? What in the text makes you say that?
- Jesus says, "I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." What does that reveal about what Jesus ultimately wants for His people?
- Thomas seems confused by Jesus' words in verse 5. What assumptions might be behind his question, "How can we know the way?" How does Jesus' answer challenge those assumptions?
- Of Jesus' three claims: "the Way," "the Truth," and "the Life", which one do you find yourself wanting to understand more deeply? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus connects coming to the Father with coming through Him? What does that tell us about what salvation ultimately brings us into?
- Jesus' words in verse 6 are both comforting and confronting. Where do you see each of those in His claim?
- Looking at the passage as a whole, what reasons does Jesus give these troubled and confused disciples to trust Him?

GO DEEPER

These questions invite us to slow down and wrestle with what's going on beneath the surface. Use these to go a little deeper or in your Huddle Groups.

- Where are you most tempted to trust your own strength, discipline, or faithfulness instead of Christ?
- When you fail, what is your instinctive response?
- What are you currently asking God to explain before you'll trust Him?

- Where in your life are you tempted to believe that if you could just understand what God was doing, then you could trust Him?
- Everyone has some “way” they believe will lead to life, wholeness, meaning, or happiness. What are you most tempted to trust to give you life apart from Christ?
- For Christians, even good things can become substitutes for Christ: Bible knowledge, right doctrine, morality, serving, giving, discipling our children, or “living the way of Jesus.” Which of these are you most tempted to make the basis of your confidence before God?
- Consider the difference: “We don’t live His way to get life. We live His way because He has given us life.” Where do you struggle to believe and live that?
- What would it look like this week to put the weight of something you cannot carry onto the one who can?
- **How is the Holy Spirit comforting you or challenging you personally from this discussion? How will you respond and what will you do differently this week? Is there anywhere you need help to make that happen?**

PRAY FOR NEEDS in the GROUP

- Some other ways to pray:
 - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word
 - Pray by name for one person you know who is far from God..
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: [Pray for the Gospel Communities of Redeemer](#)

5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC’s and Huddles.

1. **Pray** - Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.
2. **Listen** - Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.
3. **Apply** - Answer honestly. Consider how God’s Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.
4. **Confess** - Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.
5. **Encourage** - Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other’s hearts and stories.

COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

None this week.