

How can I find my way in life... and beyond?

I Am the way! John 14:1-11

Jesus is the way!

Jesus is the answer to our lost condition.

Guidance Points:

1. Following Jesus is the way through life’s _____.

Let not your heart be troubled...

- The _____ of Jesus is our security.

Believe in God, believe also in Me.

- The _____ of Jesus is our security.

If it were not so, I would have told you.

Apply: I must follow Jesus to experience _____ life.

I came that they might have life & have it abundantly! 10:10

2. Following Jesus is the way to Life _____.

...a dwelling place for you...I am the way... through Me.

“Why must we be _____ to the way of life?”

- Because we’ve all gone “_____.” Is. 53:6

- Because the way to eternal life is very “_____.”

John 10:9; Acts 4:12

- Because God’s ways are not _____ ways.

- o God’s way may not be _____ to us. Prov. 14:12

- o God’s way will be _____ by many. Matt. 7:13-14

Apply: I must _____ of my way to _____ and

_____ God’s way.

...forsake his way...his thoughts...return to the Lord... Is. 55:7-8

Challenge: Jesus’ way is _____ though not always _____.

I am the way ...show us... He who has seen Me...

Discussion Guide: People of the Father's House

Jesus' clearly states the vision He and His Father share for us: We are a life-sharing family that will soon gather in Father's house!

What will that look like and how we can *prelect* that at SSEFC?

1. Share a time when you truly experience sensed "family."
 - a. Share a time when that was with your church family that weren't blood kin?
 - b. What did that look like for Jesus, the disciples, the early church described in Acts? (Acts 2:37ff. for e.g.)
 - c. What are some of the obstacles to us (SSEFC) experiencing that today?
 - d. Do any of those obstacles present unique opportunities? i.e. If we make the choices, commitments, sacrifices... to overcome those hindrances, how would it impact us and our surrounding community and mission field?
2. Jesus' vision clearly reveals that His family (and SSEFC) will look like Father's family because it is. Let's discuss John 14 **and** our vision of *multiplying life-sharing communities*.
 - a. Our leadership team has made the commitment: **"We will be a welcoming family – like Father."** (See Luke 15; Matt. 8:11, et al.)
 - **Are we a welcoming family**, like Father, or more like "older brother" that resents God's *prodigal* (overly extravagant) *grace*? (Lk. 15:25-32)
Specifics – **How do you feel at church when...**
 - ...Pastor can't talk to me after church because *all those new people* get his attention first?
 - ...we spend so much money, time and programming on reaching new (lost) people, that there's little left for the things I like?
 - ...someone says: "This isn't the church of our founders. We've become something different all for these younger people!"
 - b. Jesus, and we(?) **envision relating and functioning like a forever family**.
 - **Our identity is secured by birth, not performance**. So what difference should that make in how we relate to members that really "blow it" or new people whose "lives are a mess?"
 - **Our relationships are maintained by redemption, not perfection**.
 - **So, we will love each other like Father...**
What does that look like when someone disagrees with you or hurts you?
 - **We will glory in repentance and extravagant grace**.
What does that look like when someone has sinned against you? Is the ideal response tolerance, self-defense or *carefrontation*? (What's that and how should we do it?)
 - c. **We will be a diverse family**.
 - Are we at SSEFC? Does that bother us or is that *just the way it is*?
 - Would it make you **uncomfortable** if there were alternative worship services that you didn't understand what was going on because they used a different:
 - Language?
 - Liturgy and order of service?
 - Instruments?
 - d. **We will be a growing family**.
As a family **we are contagious**. What contagion do you spread to the family: Grace, grumbling, unity, divisiveness, sacrifice, selfishness?
 - e. **We will use our space to build the family** (includes welcoming community)
A copy of our priorities, policy & plans is available at Connection Corner.

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Guidance Points:

1. Following Jesus is the way through life’s troubling times.

Let not your heart be troubled...

- **The character of Jesus is our security.**

Believe in God, believe also in Me.

- **The word of Jesus is our security.**

If it were not so, I would have told you.

Apply: I must follow Jesus to experience real life.

I came that they might have life & have it abundantly! 10:10

2. Following Jesus is the way to Life eternal.

...a dwelling place for you...I am the way... through Me.

“Why must we be redirected to the way of life?”

- Because we’ve all gone “our own way.” Isaiah 53:6

- Because the way to eternal life is very “narrow.”

John 10:9; Acts 4:12

- Because God’s ways are not people’s ways.

- o God’s way may not be sensible to us. Proverbs 14:12

- o God’s way will be rejected by many. Matthew 7:13-14

Apply: I must repent of my way to believe & receive God’s way.

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Challenge: Jesus’ way is personal though not always visible.

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