

## KNOWING WHERE YOU'RE HEADED AND HOW TO GET THERE

### KEY SCRIPTURE & SERMON POINTS:

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.”

John 14:1-10 ESV

Psalm 16:11, “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

John 10:10, “...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Romans 8:16-17, “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

Isaiah 43:6-7, “I will say to the north, Give up and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Jeremiah 29:13, “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

Hebrews 11:6, “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

### SERMON FOLLOW ALONG POINTS:

THE FATHER IS THE DESTINATION

JESUS IS THE WAY

WHY YOU SHOULD SEEK GOD IN CHRIST

1. BECAUSE YOU WILL FIND HIM
2. BECAUSE YOU WILL BE MOST SATISFIED WHEN YOU ARE WITH HIM
3. BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN YOU AN ETERNAL INHERITANCE AS HIS CHILD
4. BECAUSE HE IS WHY YOU LIVE

### DISCUSSION GUIDE:

#### Start Talking

- What is the most unforgettable destination you’ve ever had the privilege to visit?

#### Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read John 14:1-10. What part of Jesus’ teaching did you find most interesting?
- In John 14:1, Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.” What do you think Jesus meant by this statement?
- In this passage, where did Jesus say He was the way to? And why is that significant?

#### Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- In John 14:6 Jesus presents a very simple gospel message. The devil has filled the world with false gospels as well. What are some of the false gospels the devil has popularized?
- To apply this passage as a training in spiritual warfare, compare a simple “gospel message” from the devil to the real gospel message of Jesus.
- The main point Pastor Steve emphasized from this passage was that “The Father is the destination and Jesus is the way.” How has your view of Heaven changed as your understanding of the Gospel has grown?
- Read John 10:10. It is not uncommon to view the abundant life Jesus promises as something to be received when we die and go to Heaven. Why is that not entirely true? How do we enjoy some of the blessings of the Gospel in everyday life?

#### Start Praying. Pray this prayer in your own words with your group.

*God, Our Father in Heaven, we praise you and thank you for inspiring messages in Your Word that speak difficult truths into our lives. Thank you for loving us enough to challenge us to grow, for convicting us, and even rebuking us at times. We ask that you turn every conviction into a transformation that replaces conviction with encouragement! In Jesus’ name, amen!*

#### Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Think about the way(s) you find life most satisfying, how you like to relax, and/or rest. Is being with The Father incorporated into any of those parts of your life? If not, consider how to make the satisfying, relaxing, and/or restful part of your life more focused on being with God.

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