

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 14:1-14)

1. Have you ever gotten lost while driving/traveling somewhere?

What happened that brought you to the realization that you were actually lost?

Were you able to determine where you deviated from your intended path and get back on track?

Did you need help to get yourself back on the right path?

Did you find yourself annoyed, angered, frustrated, etc. with the situation?

Did you learn anything from what happened to be able to avoid making the same mistake in a similar situation in the future?

2. Consider the above situation as you look at Jesus' statement in verse 6.

How does that experience help to better understand Jesus' claim to be "The Way?"

As you look at your spiritual journey, have there been occasions where you've lost sight of The Way (Jesus)?

What happens in those situations?

How do things go for you when you try to go your own way and, in doing so, you actually reject The Way?

The claim of Jesus here is one of exclusivity - He is the only One who is The way, the truth and the life."

How do each of these three characteristics relate to one another?

As we've gone through the Gospel of John so far, how has Jesus already demonstrated the validity of these statements?

To make it even clearer, Jesus ends verse 6 with "No one comes to the Father except through me."

Why is this such an important truth for us to understand?

How *should* this motivate us when it comes to sharing the Gospel with others in our lives?

We see that this truth SHOULD motivate us to share the hope of Jesus with others, but does it?

How motivated are you to share with others the reality that Jesus is the ONLY WAY to the Father?

How can we be more intentional and go with urgency to share this with others?

3. Read verses 1-4

How do these four verses encourage your heart as a disciple of Jesus?

How does the historical Jewish betrothal/wedding provide a framework for the experience that awaits all who are in Christ?

What are some of the assurances that Jesus' provides to His disciples in these verses?

How do those assurances encourage you personally as a disciple of Jesus now?

4. Read verses 7-11

When He is requested to "show us The Father..." how does Jesus respond?

How does Jesus' response reveal even more fully His unity with The Father?

Why is this so important for us to understand the nature of God and the relationship between the Father and the Son?

Based upon Jesus' statement here, if we want to know God better, who should we look to?

How does this motivate us to have a better understanding of the Scriptures, and how they relate to Jesus?

5. Read verses 12-14

Why do these verses in particular require great care to understand them rightly?

What are some of the potential dangers in misapplying a passage like this?

How could a misapplication of Jesus' words here lead to disappointment when things don't happen as we hope?

Why is verse 13 so critical in rightly understanding these verses?

How does our motivation impact the outcome of the prayers?

How does our motivation impact our response to the answers the Lord provides to our prayers?

Why does keeping an eternal perspective with the glory of God as our highest aim so important in our prayer lives?

6. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

- 1. Jesus alone is the way, the truth, and the life!**
- 2. We can only come to the Father through Jesus!**
- 3. Jesus is one with the Father & reveals Him to us!**
- 4. If we trust in Jesus, He will bring us to Himself!**
- 5. If God's glory is our motivation, ask Jesus & see!**