

## **GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

### WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025 | I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

#### WARM-UP QUESTION

When you think of the word "home," what's the first image, place, or feeling that comes to mind and why?

#### PRAY

Before you read Scripture, spend a few minutes in prayer. Pray for your group and for your discussion. You can also pray for our church using the prompt below.

#### Easter (April 19-20)

Pray for every person who will attend—that they would feel welcomed, encounter Jesus, and experience true hope. Ask God to move in hearts and prepare the way for life-change. Pray for "the one" He's placed on your heart—someone you can invite, invest in, and walk alongside this Easter season.

#### DISCUSS

Read <u>John 14:1-10</u>

- At the end of John 13, the disciples are troubled by Jesus' departure. How does His command to trust in Him in verse 1 bring peace in times of uncertainty or fear?
- What does verse 2 reveal about God's heart and His desire to provide a place of eternal peace and belonging for His people?
- Thomas expresses confusion in verse 5. How do you respond when faced with uncertainty or confusion about God's plans?
- Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. How does knowing this emphasize the exclusivity of Jesus as the only way to God?
- Verse 9 challenges us to move beyond mere faith practices. Have you ever engaged in church or Bible reading without fully embracing a relationship with God?

#### Read <u>John 14:15-17; 27</u>

(Watch this <u>Bible Project video</u> to explore more about the Holy Spirit)

- What do you think Jesus is trying to convey by connecting love and obedience in verse 15? What does it look like to obey Jesus out of love rather than obligation?
- Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "another Advocate". How does this indicate that the Holy Spirit will continue the work that Jesus started during His ministry on earth?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit is invisible to the world, and why is it significant that Jesus says, "you know Him"?
- How does the peace Jesus offers in verse 27 contrast with the peace the world offers?



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#### TAKE ACTION

Take a few moments to pray, asking the Holy Spirit to show you your next step of obedience with the following:

• Who can you reach out to this week and invite to Easter services? If no one comes to mind, where can you engage in your community to connect with someone new?

Then, create an "I will" statement—one simple, actionable step you'll take this week. Share your statements with one another and encourage each other to follow through.