**“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”**

**Resources for Preparation beforehand:**

* Who is Jesus/Who am I sheet
* Paper and pencils/pens
* A means of playing the worship song and/or copies of words for everyone

**Discussion Starter:**

If you are going somewhere new how do you find the way?

**God Reveals Himself:**

Psalm 119 v105 “Your Word is a Lamp for my feet and a light for my path”

What do you think this would mean for a Jew in Jesus’ time? What does it mean for you?

**Practical Exercise:**

Which of these statements come from the Bible, and which did Jesus say?

* 1. “Cleanliness is next to godliness”
	2. “Can a blind person lead a blind person?”
	3. “Therefore send not to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee”
	4. “We walk by faith and not by sight”
	5. “Charity begins at home”
	6. “If one member suffers, all suffer together”
	7. “A ghost does not have flesh and blood as you see I have”
	8. “These truths we hold to be self-evident: that all men are created equal”
	9. “I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth”
	10. “The lion will lay down with the Lamb”

For those statements that are Biblical do you know where they come from?

**Reflection on the background to today’s reading:**

Can you imagine yourself as one of Jesus’ disciples as they are approaching Jerusalem? You do not know what is about to unfold or its conclusion. All you know is that Jesus is the Messiah and he will free His people and that things are building up to a crescendo. What does the triumphal entry feel like to you? You meet together with Jesus and the other disciples for the Passover meal, but Jesus becomes like a servant to wash your feet. He institutes the Last Supper and says that one of you will betray Him and all will fall away and that you cannot go where He is going. How must this have felt?

In most of the encounters in the gospels we hear the voice of only one disciple at a time. In the following passage and those before and after we hear several disciples.

**Reading**: John 14 v 1 -7

**Questions:**

1. If you connected with one of the services what did you take away?
2. Where do you turn when you are confused or overwhelmed?
3. What does Jesus mean by saying “I am The Way”? Is this consistent with the other I am sayings?
4. In his commentary on John, Tom Wright says about other religions, “They all provide a way to the foothills of the mountain, but not the way to the summit”. Do you find this helpful?
5. How might we engage constructively with those of other faiths without compromising our beliefs?
6. Why do you think Jesus added “... the Truth and the Life”?

**Response & Worship:**

* ***Song suggestion:*** *Jesus be the Centre by Michael Frye* [Jesus be the centre - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EG-l1kK-BpU)
* Eph 6 v14 talks about the Belt of Truth. How do you put it on each morning
* ***Prayer:*** for each other this coming week

**Take Away:**

* Encourage everyone to record something on their “Who is Jesus/Who am I” sheet and brin:g it to add to each week.
* For during the week:
	+ Try having a candle burning when you have your quiet time, sit quietly with God
	+ Who might you tell about your hope in the Way?

**Jesus be the Centre**

Jesus, be the centre

Be my source, be my light

Jesus

Jesus, be the centre

Be my hope, be my song

Jesus

Be the fire in my heart

Be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live

Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision

Be my path, be my guide

Jesus

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