

I AM | Week 4 - I AM the way**Message Big Idea**

Jesus is the answer to which path we should follow. He is the way.

Scripture

John 14:1-7, John 14:8-21 and Matthew 11:28-30

Points to Keep In Mind

1. If you and your group haven't already, this week would be the ideal time to sign up for Community Daily as we will read through the entire Book of John together during this "I AM" series. Community Daily is a free resource created by our staff here at COMMUNITY that goes directly into your inbox once you sign up. It's a great way to start your day! You can sign up at communitychristian.org/daily.
2. The passages leading up to John 14 help us better understand where the disciples are coming from when questioning Jesus. He had just predicted a betrayal by one of them and Peter's denial of following Him. Jesus also told them, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later" (John 13:36). No wonder their hearts were troubled!
3. When Jesus makes His I AM statement in verse 6, He is not telling about the way; He is THE WAY. Some of your group members may struggle with the exclusive nature of this statement and that's ok. A scripture to follow up with them is Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Also, John 1:17-18, "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." We can trust Jesus' claim that He is THE WAY because He shows us that He is the Truth. He reveals to us the nature of God. So, choosing to follow Jesus as the exclusive way is not an act of judgment, but a humble acknowledgment of our need for a Savior.
4. The Spirit of Truth is the Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Advocate. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and produces behavior traits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). The Holy Spirit also gives us spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:4-11) to serve His church and those around us.

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: youplus.info
7. How have you been able to BLESS others recently? (B-begin with prayer, L-listen, E-eat, S-serve and S-share your story)