

# JESUS

## the Way — the Truth — the Life

A Journey Through the Gospel of John

*IceBreaker: Can you remember a time when the path you chose on a hike, in a car, or in life felt so right, but ended up leading to a pretty bad destination?*

### **Introduction** *(Read aloud before discussion.)*

*We are beginning our journey in the gospel of John. In **John 14**, Jesus reveals “himself” as the way, not a way, but the way. Let’s talk about what that means about him and what that means for us.*

### **Sermon Discussion** *(Use as a guide for dialogue; let God lead, and read the verses aloud.)*

1. **John 14:6-7**. What stands out to you about this statement that Jesus made?
2. Talk about how every great teacher from Moses to Buddha to Socrates has pointed away from themselves, but Jesus alone points to himself.
3. “*I am*” is a phrase throughout the gospel of John. Jesus uses it regularly. Read **Exodus 3:14**, and discuss why the Jewish leaders tried to stone Jesus for using this phrase.
4. Often, we think that Jesus simply means he is the way to heaven, which is true. Talk about how Jesus was thinking as a rabbi with students, and therefore meant to communicate an actual, concrete daily way of life.
5. How do we know when we are insisting upon our way or our will in life? Is it always clear?
6. When approaching the cross, Jesus says, “not my will, but your will be done” (**Mark 14:36**). Talk about the idea that God’s way is challenging, and at times was challenging for Jesus!
7. Where is the challenge for you right now? In what area of life are you insisting upon your way or will? And, what would it look like to choose his will, the path of the cross that leads to resurrection and new life?