

## Liberty Baptist Church Scripture Reflections

# I AM JESUS (Part 2)

Small Group Discussion

This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [www.experienceliberty.org](http://www.experienceliberty.org) and select the Sermon title listed above.

Sermon Bible Verses: [John 14: 1-6](#)

**Look around you in this current day and the times and take note of the many issues going on around us that might give us cause to worry. For us, even as Christians, worry occasionally slips into our lives. Bills to pay, cars to fix, children to raise or pandemics are certainly reasons to question our understanding of peace in the lives of believers. Is there anything that comes to our lives that Jesus isn't aware of or has control over? The Bible declares Jesus as the First and the Last, Alpha and Omega, He who was and is to come, and the holder of the keys to Hades and Death. That's the God we serve!**

John 14:1-6. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And where I go you know, and the way you know." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

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- What are some things in your life, on a personal level, that might cause you to worry? What are you worried about right now?
- What are some troublesome things happening in the world that are troubling? Are you concerned about the economy, sickness or war?
- Would you say your worry is more personal worry than worldly? Why do we let certain things erode our trust in God and our equanimity?

**What does it mean to say "let not your heart be troubled"**

- What is meant by your heart? Does it mean don't have a heart attack?
- Is it correct to say *the heart* is the seat and center of not only physical life but more so spiritual life? Which one is Jesus speaking about?
- Is not letting your heart be troubled an act of volition?
- If we were to rewrite this verse it might say "Don't you let your heart (*sense of spiritual well-being*) be worried". How do we do that? How do we remain assured of the sovereignty of God in times of worry?

## Look at Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- Paul tells us to be anxious for nothing. In other words, don't be troubled over anything (not one thing!) He also gives us the key to not being anxious. What is it?
- How do others view us when during times of trouble, we are at peace? What does a non-believer think of us when we have a peace that surpasses all understanding? What are some questions they might ask of us in regard to our spiritual tranquility?
- How does the peace of God guard us? Why does it guard both our hearts and minds?

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- Jesus says He is the way. By definition he is the road we travel by to get to heaven. How many ways are there to get to heaven?
- Think of "the way" in regard to our salvation. Jesus said "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Metaphorically we can say:

1. *(My Father's house)* In the kingdom of God
  2. *(Are many mansions or rooms)* the mansions of the Father's house become us when the indwelling spirit of God becomes a part of us. (Mansion means dwelling place)
  3. *(I go to prepare a place for you)* The place prepared for us is prepared by the crucifixion of Christ so the Holy Spirit can come and live in us.
  4. *(I will come again and receive you)* When we receive the gift of salvation, God receives us as his own.
  5. *(that where I am, there you may be also).* Now we carry Christ with us wherever we go. Wherever Christ is, we are, because His Spirit is in us.
  6. *(And where I go you know, and the way you know)* Now as saved individuals we can see and know the power and the way.
- What is truth according to today's understanding? Is truth anything we want it to be?
  - How is Jesus the truth? Why didn't Pilate recognize the truth? Why do people still not recognize it?
  - What is life to us? What does life mean to each of us? How do we live out a life in the image of Christ?

*By definition: Life is the absolute fullness of life, both essential and ethical, which belongs to God, and through him both to the hypostatic "logos" and to Christ in whom the "logos" put on human nature.*

- What does that mean? *It means to live like Christ. Choose the peace of Christ over the anxiety of life.*