

Life Group Lesson

Week #1 - Made to Know the Way

Simply put: God has made to be the change this world needs. And it starts with the Spirit of truth dwelling deeply, richly in us, so that He can move in and through us!

This past week, Pastor John walked us through the 3 **keys** to life and certainty in chaos: **1)** Jesus is the way. **2)** Jesus is the truth. **3)** Jesus is the life.

He also walked us through the **ways** to not lose our keys: **1)** Abide in Jesus AND His word (Jn. 15:5, 7). **2)** Cultivate the presence of Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:15-29). **3)** Stay in His community.

Looking Back

This was the first week of our new “Made” series. Feel free to follow up on your Selah experience of recalling and releasing the burdens your group members shared and prayed into last week.

FAMILY TIME (20 min)

- Vision Statement: Have a group member explain the vision of your lifegroup. Invite another group member to share your vision piece next time.
- Intro Question: What is something new you’ve tried or completed in the last 10 months of quarantine??
- Prayer Requests, Praise Reports and Updates from previous week(s).

Look Up

WORSHIP (15 min)

- Cast Vision for Worship...What it is, why we do it, how we can do it.
- Spend time in worship together.
- Previous Sunday worship set: 9:20 - 24:55
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VaX1-F6AeXQ&feature=youtu.be>
 - “The Everlasting”
 - “Altogether Good”

**Encourage your group members to engage God's heart for one another during worship and share any affirmations or words of encouragement they receive with each other as Holy Spirit leads. One strategic way to do this on Zoom is through the private message function while worship is ongoing.

Bible Study: Passage - John 14:1-17 (The Voice) ; Isaiah 30:21 (The Voice)

14 Jesus: Don't get lost in despair; believe in God, and keep on believing in Me. 2 My Father's home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. 3 I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together. 4 You know where I am going and how to get there.

Thomas: 5 Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the path?

Jesus: 6 I am the path (the way), the truth, and the energy of life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 If you know Me, you know the Father. Rest assured now; you know Him and have seen Him.

Philip: 8 Lord, all I am asking is that You show us the Father.

Jesus (to Philip): 9 I have lived with you all this time, and you still don't know who I am? If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. How can you keep asking to see the Father? 10 Don't you believe Me when I say I abide in the Father and the Father dwells in Me? I'm not making this up as I go along. The Father has given Me these truths that I have been speaking to you, and He empowers all My actions. 11 Accept these truths: I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me. If you have trouble believing based on My words, believe because of the things I have done. 12 I tell you the truth: whoever believes in Me will be able to do what I have done, but they will do even greater things, because I will return to be with the Father. 13 Whatever you ask for in My name, I will do it so that the Father will get glory from the Son. 14 Let Me say it again: if you ask for anything in My name, I will do it. 15 If you love Me, obey the commandments I have given you. 16 I will ask the Father to send you another Helper, the Spirit of truth, who will remain constantly with you. 17 The world does not recognize the

Spirit of truth, because it does not know the Spirit and is unable to receive Him. But you do know the Spirit because He lives with you, and He will dwell in you.

John 14:1-17 (The Voice)

21 Your ears will hear sweet words behind you: "Go this way. There is your path; this is how you should go" whenever you must decide whether to turn to the right or the left. Isaiah 30:21 (The Voice)

Open Group Discussion -

1. What do you really like about either of these passages?
2. How are they connected in regards to the keys and ways mentioned at the top?

Engaging God's Heart -

3. In this season, which of these **keys** feels most important for me to explore understanding of and hold onto? Why, Lord?
4. Which of these **ways** do I need to dive deeper into in this season? Why/How, Lord?

Looking Forward

After your group has taken some time to allow the Lord to speak to their hearts, feel free to spend the rest of your time together praying over one another's encounters. Also, encourage your group members to share God's heart with each other as led by Holy Spirit - words of encouragement, Scriptural promises, words of knowledge, and so forth.

Kids Lesson

Please read John 14:15-17:

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

1. What is one way to show your love to God?

Keeping God's commands is one way we can show our love for God! God only desires the best for us and though sometimes it may feel like God may be limiting us, He is not! He wants the best for us because of who He is - a Good Father.

2. What did Jesus ask His Father to be given to us?
3. What are some things promised to us about the Holy Spirit/Spirit of Truth?
4. In moments of chaos, challenges and uncertainties, who did God give us to help us and be with us forever?

The Holy Spirit who dwells in us will help us forever because God does not abandon his children. He is a Good Father and has given the same spirit that dwelled in Jesus. Therefore do not fear but trust in His Goodness. You are deeply loved by our Creator.