

IGNITION: FOLLOW UP STUDY GUIDE

STUDY 8:

**JESUS IS THE WAY,
THE TRUTH AND
THE LIFE**

John 14:1-31



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Over the next eight weeks we are going to be getting to know Jesus by reading portions of the Gospel of John.

The Gospel of John is a biography of the life of Jesus. Often, biographies start with information about someone's birth. Instead of that, John chooses to introduce Jesus by focusing on some of the more spiritual aspects of his life, rather than on his birth as a human baby on earth.

This series builds on the six **I AM statements** Jesus makes in the Gospel of John to explore how Jesus is the one that can bring security, satisfaction, community, freedom and life to those who believe in him.

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JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

John 14:1-31

We rewind a little now to back before Jesus was killed and resurrected.

In the days before Jesus is sentenced to death, he spends some time alone with the disciples, teaching them how to keep trusting in him after his death and resurrection and preparing them for his imminent return to the Father in heaven.

READ

John 14:1-31

REFLECT + RESPOND



John 14:1-4

Jesus announces he is going away but he tells the disciples to “not let their hearts be troubled.”

Where is he going and what will he be doing while he’s there?

How is Jesus’ message to his disciples different to what he said to the Pharisees who did not believe him back in Study 2? (see **John 8:21-30**)

Jesus’ message to his disciples:

Jesus’ message to the Pharisees

Why is believing in God and Jesus the way to calm the disciples’ fears about Jesus leaving?

What do you think it looks like to believe in God and believe in Jesus?



John 14:5-24

What is Thomas' reaction?

How does Jesus respond to Thomas?

Jesus equates knowing him with knowing God. Think back to all we have learnt over the last eight sessions – why do you think Jesus can say that?

What is the relationship between Jesus and the Father? What difference does it make to how we approach Jesus?

What proof does Jesus offer to validate his claim to be one with the Father?

What will Jesus do for those who love him and keep his commands?

Jesus makes a strong connection between loving him and obeying his teaching. Why do you think obedience matters?



John 14:25-31

Jesus promises that he will not leave the disciples alone in the world. Who will be around to help them after Jesus' departure?

What will the Holy Spirit do?

Jesus tells the disciples that he is going away (he knows that in the next few days he will be crucified). Why does he tell them such distressing news?

WRAP UP

What about You?

Believing in Jesus and trusting in his ability to deliver you to the Father is the endgame of the Christian life. Christians are people who first and foremost receive the love of God demonstrated in Jesus, and then seek to obey the teachings of Jesus in all areas of their lives.

WILL YOU FOLLOW JESUS?

Being a Christian is about three big things:

1. Acknowledging to God that you have followed your own ways rather than the ways of God. In this state you cannot have the relationship with God that you were designed for. There is nothing you can do to undo the effects of your sin.
2. Believing that Jesus, God's perfect son, died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin, and actively trusting in his death as the means to forgiveness and a restored relationship with God who gives you true and lasting freedom, satisfaction, security and safety.
3. Putting your trust into action by following God's ways revealed to us in the Bible.

If you believe that Jesus is who he says he is and you want to put your trust in him today, you can pray the prayer below and have confidence that God hears and forgives you, and welcomes you into the family of believers.

Loving Heavenly Father,

I am sorry that I have lived my own way instead of your way.

Please forgive me.

I believe Jesus' death paid the penalty for my sin.

I put my trust in him.

Thank you that because of his death,
I can have a restored relationship with you.

Please help me trust you each day and
live in obedience to you and the teachings of Jesus.

Amen.

PRAY

Finish up by closing in prayer, taking turns to pray for each other.