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*the Way, the Truth and
the Life*

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As we journey through the "I am" series over the next few weeks and we discover more about Jesus, He extends an invitation to us to go deeper with Him. This pamphlet is designed to help you think more deeply and reflect, in different ways, on the sermon topics. It is filled with suggestions of things to read, watch and listen to and we hope it encourages you to go deeper during the week and connect with God in meaningful ways. Our prayer is that, as we behold Jesus over the coming weeks, our eyes would be opened and our hearts would be changed. May His love and wonder delight and encourage you.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' " - John 14:6



Suggestion 1: Spend some time reading John 14 and these other Scriptures that reference Jesus being the way, the Truth or the life and the way we access the Father

- Isaiah 35:8-9
 - Acts 4:12
 - Ephesians 2:18
 - Hebrews 10:19-22
 - John 1:14-17
 - John 8:32
 - John 18:37
 - John 10:10, 28
 - John 17:1-3
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- What stands out for you most from these passages?
 - What do you think it means that Jesus is the Way? How do you think you are doing in terms of walking in His Way and following where He leads?
 - What do you think it means that Jesus is the Truth? Are there other places you are going to for "truth"? What do you think it means to live in and stand on the Truth of Jesus?
 - What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Life? How have you been trying to find life apart from God? How can you live more fully in Him and accept His invitation to abundant life?

"He must go the way of the cross in order to be the way; he must be sold by the lie into the hand of the ruler of the world in order to be the truth; he must taste death for every person to be the life for his people." - Ian Campbell



Suggestion 2: Watch / listen to / read some further resources about Jesus - the Way, Truth and Life

- A study on John 14: <http://www.smallgroups.com/meeting-builder/bible-study-extras/way-truth-life.html?paging=off>
- A sermon, "Jesus the Way" by Charles Spurgeon: <http://spurgeongems.org/vols49-51/chs2938.pdf>
- Watch a sermon by Clayton King: <https://newspring.cc/sermons/i-am-jesus-in-his-own-words/i-am-the-way-the-truth-and-the-life>
- A lecture by R.C. Sproul: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caoXOfgkigk>
- A sermon by Maranatha Chapel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xbbb0W-xcyA>



Suggestion 3: Pray

Pray through each of the aspects of Jesus' statement and ask Him to reveal to you any ways in which you have not been allowing Him to be your Way, Truth or Life. Consider alternatives you have sought to Jesus in these areas and repent of these things.

Here are two prayers you can pray that may help you:

*"You are the way, the truth, the life
Without the way there is no going
Without the truth there is no knowing
Without the life there is no growing
Show us the way, that we may go
Teach us the truth, that we may know
Grant us the life, that we may grow
Eternally."*

Way, Truth, Life

Theodore J. (Ted) Tracy, S.J. b. 1916

*Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth and the life for all creation;
grant us grace to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.*



Suggestion 4: Stand on the Truth

Write down some Scriptures that have been very meaningful for you over the past few weeks and put them in places where you will see them throughout the day, e.g. on the steering wheel of your car, on your mirror, on your front door. Every time you see them, remind yourself that Jesus is the Truth and read the verse as an act of standing on the Truth of God as it sinks deeply into your heart.

"He is the Way, because He is the Priest. He is the truth, because He is the Prophet. He is the life, because He is the King that has conquered." - Ian Campbell

