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AM

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life

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Introduction

We are now in the fifth week of our *I Am* series. In our study of the Gospel of John, Jesus has been described as the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Gate, and the Good Shepherd. This week in John 14, we see Jesus described as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Only through Jesus can we have a relationship with the Father.

Discussion

1. **Read John 14.** Because of Jesus, there is no longer separation between us and God the Father but a deepened fellowship with Him. Access to God the Father is solely through Jesus. Share a time when you felt especially close to Him and a time when you didn't.
2. **Read Matthew 11:27-30.** How would you describe the relationship between Jesus and God the Father? If you were to describe your relationship with Jesus to a new believer, what would you say?
3. Take five minutes to pray silently about someone in your circle who is not a Christ follower. Then share with the group who God put on your heart. Pray as a group for each person and the opportunity to share your relationship with Jesus with that person.
4. **Read Psalm 23.** This chapter of the Bible is said to be a companion chapter to John 14 as we "near the valley of the shadow of death." What parallel can we see between the two chapters in our belief of God being the Way, the Truth and the Life?

Think About It

Jesus is preparing a heavenly place for the day when He will receive us, His bride. However, as is the case with any bride, much preparation needs to take place before she meets her groom. We must be gathered, nurtured and perfected to be fit for the mansion of God. For a bride, a wedding planner helps with these details. For a Christian, the Holy Spirit trains, comforts and ultimately leads us to "the house of many rooms" being prepared for us in Heaven.

Do Something

1. Prepare your heart for the upcoming Easter services. Review the last few weeks of the *I Am* series or the Gospels, especially the last days of Jesus on earth; possible readings include Matthew 26 and John 17. Be intentional in taking "God time" this week, either before or after work or during your lunch hour.
2. **Reads 1 Corinthians 3:6.** Pray for guidance in conversations you have with others about your relationship with Jesus. Though the conversation may not go well, remember we are to "plant the seed and trust God for the results."
3. As a group, commit to praying and maybe even fasting for the people mentioned in question 3. Pray for the opportunity to invite them to one of the Easter services.