



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, January 7, 2024

# NO EASY ANSWERS

## Can Jesus be true for you and not for me?

### Read/Reflect

1. Read John 14:4-11. Cultural context: when a man and woman were married the man would return to his (parent's) home to prepare a place for he and his wife to live. Jesus seems to be referring to this custom when he is trying to explain his departure. If so, how does that help you to understand what Jesus is explaining?
2. How much of the disciples' anxiety do you think is resolved by Jesus' response? What parts of his response may have been more confusing to the disciple, and/or to you?

### Explore

3. How do you think of truth?
  - True facts
  - Foundational statements
  - The right ideas
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
4. How does your view of truth change when Jesus, a person, is the truth?
5. Jesus says the way to the Father is only through him? What does Jesus mean, and how does that impact your perspective about other faiths.
6. Often our perspective on truth can be Pharisaic and legalistic. How does Jesus' perspective on truth counter that tendency?
7. If Jesus is truth, how do you pursue the truth? How do you share truth with others?

### Pray

- Pray for the Spirit's presence to lead you into deep and pleasant encounters with Jesus (the truth) in this coming year.
- Pray for opportunities to celebrate and grow in Jesus' love, so that you know him more.