

Transition:

An interesting point about how this passage begins is where chapter 13 ends. John's 13th chapter ends with Jesus telling his disciple Peter that he would soon deny knowing Jesus three times. And we now begin the next chapter with Jesus trying to help calm the troubled hearts of the disciples. Teaching them to put their trust and hope in Jesus. A great segue from predicting Peter's denial is to tell the disciples in John 14:1, "let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me." Then only a few short verses away is one of the seven "I AM" statements from Jesus. And this is the one a lot of worldly views have trouble accepting. There is only ONE WAY to the presence of God Almighty. Jesus. Not your good deeds, not your good nature, but only Jesus is THE WAY to the Father.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story.

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can.

Discussion Questions:

What does it mean for Jesus to be "the way, the truth and the life" in your everyday life? (v.6)
Why do you think Jesus emphasized all three... way, truth and life... instead of just one?
What is the best, most-effective way to communicate this truth to a non-believer? To a person who feels there are many paths to heaven? (v. 6,19)

Fundamental:

We're living in times of many so-called "truths." so many are walking around believing "their truth" while accepting someone else's "truth." all the while denying that there is only ONE TRUTH. Furthermore, there are a lot of people who won't deny Jesus being one legitimate way to God but refuse to believe He's the only way. With the rising popularity of other faiths, we must be ready to defend Jesus and lovingly share His truth, THE TRUTH. No other religion has a Jesus. Throughout His life, Jesus spoke with great authority and purpose. He said He would lay down His life and He did. He said He would rise again, and He did. He said He came to save the lost and He did. Jesus never failed to do what He said He would do. No one else in history has made such bold claims and followed through to perfection! So, when Jesus says He is "the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me," we can trust and believe with great certainty that it's true.

Homework/Challenge:

Have a loving conversation with a person who believes in many paths to heaven.
Find the other six "I AM" statements from Jesus. Which one means the most to you?

Discipleship Tip:

Between work, family or neighborhood there is someone close to you who disagrees with Jesus being the exclusive way to Heaven. Remember to not try and win the debate but rather win the soul to Jesus. Try to explain why you believe it and let God do the growth in their heart.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life. I pray for more opportunities to lovingly share who you are with the people you've put in my life. Give me compassion for those in need.