

THE ONLY WAY

CENTRAL TRUTH

In this week's passage, Jesus powerfully declares that He is the way, the truth, and the life. To trust Jesus as the Lord who died and rose again is to embrace the greatest truth there is. **Jesus is the only way to God the Father;** only through Him can we be saved.

KEY QUESTION

↑ **What does it mean for Jesus to be “the way, the truth, and the life”?**

Jesus tells the disciples that He alone provides access to the Father and no one comes to the Father except through Him. As the truth, all other “ways” to God are false; as the life, only Jesus can grant eternal life to those who believe. To see and trust in Jesus is to see and trust in God.

KEEP IN MIND

- Though other religions claim to know “the way” to God, Jesus's words in this week's passage teach us that He is the only way to the Father. This may leave students wondering how believers should respond to people who have different religious beliefs. Use this session's **Culture Note** to guide you as you respond to questions that may arise.
- Verses 13-14 can be easy to misunderstand. We cannot interpret “whatever” and “anything” in these verses to mean “anything we want.” Using the **Leader Notes**, walk students through what it means to pray in Jesus's name.

APPLICATION

→ **What does the culture around us teach us about truth? How does this week's passage help us understand truth?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Help students see that in a world with an abundance of sources that offer “truth,” we must remember that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We are saved through Him alone.

FOR THE LEADER: While Jesus's claim excludes the possibility of any other means to salvation, it is also inclusive. Explain to students that *all* people are invited to turn from their rebellion to enjoy a relationship with God and become a child in His family.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?