

Opening Question

What is your first memory surrounding the decision to become a follower of Jesus? What was it that motivated you to want to become a Christian?

Big Idea

LIFE is all about the destination and the path we take that gets us there. Jesus is the WAY, the truth and life into a relationship with the Father as we anticipate getting to the destination.

Read Together

Ecclesiastes 3:11, John 14:1-14

Discussion Questions

1. Why were the disciples asking Jesus the kinds of questions they asked?
2. Read Ecc 3:11 again as a group. Why does the author make that claim, and what are some of the implications of such a truth?
3. What are a few of the reasons the disciples asked the questions they did? Does Jesus' response seem surprising?
4. Where was it that Jesus was trying to focus their attention with His answers? What do the disciples questions tell us about us, and what does Jesus response tell us about Him?
5. While our "good intentions" and sincere "expectations" don't determine our destination, can you think of any other dis-connects we have as to why we get caught up in momentary things versus focusing on eternity? What does that say about our perspective?
6. Read John 14:6 again. What does the last half of the verse say about the relationship between Jesus and the Father?
7. If all of man longs for a relationship with God and yet most walk a path away from God, what does it say about the Father's love for man? Use specific words to describe it.
8. What kinds of things hold us back from thinking about/living for eternity?
9. What are some of the implications of us looking to fill our longing for God with other things?
10. Describe what a relationship looks like when both parties authentically and honestly determine to live out their love for one another. What does it say about the relationship? Be specific.

Prayer

As a group, consider taking 5 minutes of silent reflection, asking God to illuminate areas of your life and daily practice that are distracting you from staying on "the Path". After 5 minutes is up, share with each other and pray for each other.

As you wrap up in prayer, ask God for insight into ways we tend to stray off the Path. Ask Him to help you with the courage necessary to stay close to Jesus.

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Challenge

This week I commit to look honestly at what areas in my life are distracting me from staying on the Path.

Next Step

Read through John 16 this week and take note of how Jesus provides them with insight necessary for living a life deliberately set on following the Path - Jesus.

