

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Road and The Roots
John 14:1-6/5:1-8

ICEBREAKER: If you could pick one vacation destination, where would it be and why?

OVERVIEW: In Jesus' final days before the cross, He met with the disciples to give them His final teaching and presented the last two of His famous "I Am" statements. He told them that He is both the way to God and the source of life with God. We come to God through Jesus, and we continue with God by abiding in Jesus. In this discussion we will go deeper with Christ as the way to begin with God, and power to continue with God.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What are some different opinions people in our culture have about Jesus?
3. List the seven "I am" statements of Jesus and briefly describe what each says about Him.
4. Read Colossians 2:6-7 and answer the following questions.
 - a) What are the truths stated in this passage?
 - b) What does this passage command believers to do?
 - c) Why is being rooted important for our relationship with Jesus?

5. Read John 14:1-6 and answer the following questions. What stood out to you most from Jesus' statement in John 14:6?
6. According to this sermon, why do we need a way to God in the first place? What does it mean that Jesus is not just *a* way, but *the* way? Why is Jesus' statement considered exclusive?
7. How did Jesus make a way for sinners to come to God?
8. Read John 15:1-8 and answer the following questions. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the true vine"?
9. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Apart from Me you can do nothing"? Why is this important?
10. Why does pruning hurt sometimes? How can trials actually help us grow spiritually?
10. What does abiding in Jesus practically look like in everyday life?

The Last Word: We come to God through Jesus, and we continue with God by abiding in Him!

