

EDiBS Bible Study Participants' Guide -- John 14:1-7

March 16th

1. In John 14:1 Jesus told His disciples not to be afraid. What did He say earlier in the evening that might have troubled their hearts?
2. What was unusual about Jesus' promise of Heaven in verses 2-4? The disciples might have been expecting Jesus to make a different promise. Why?
3. The disciple Thomas didn't understand where Jesus was going. When would he and the other disciples finally get it?

March 17th

1. Pastor Stark says that, when deciding who Jesus is, people really only have 4 options: _____, _____, _____, or _____.
2. Jesus' claim in John 14:6 that He is the *only way* to heaven is very controversial in today's world. Many people claim to believe that Jesus was a good, honest man, even a prophet. But they don't believe He was the Savior. What's logically wrong with that line of thought?
3. Many people will go so far as to say that Jesus is *one of the ways* to salvation. Pastor Stark's reply to that line of thinking is, "If Jesus is not the only way, then He is not *any way* to God." What does Pastor Stark mean?
4. Another objection to faith in Christ goes like this: "Jesus is honest, even a prophet, but I don't believe he said those things about Himself (that he is the only way) in the Gospels." How could you reply?

March 18th

1. Many well-meaning people "pick and choose" from contradictory religions to build their own world view. How might we open a dialogue with these folks about Jesus as the only way?
2. "If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me." Why is Jesus' plea to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane so important when it comes to the question of how many paths there are to God?
3. How is the Bible's teaching that Jesus is the only way to salvation actually motivated by love, not "bigotry" as many claim?