

## HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?

*John 14:1-6*

### SERMON SUMMARY...

In this sermon series, “HEY JESUS...”, as we examine the questions that people asked Jesus, we are also faced with the questions Jesus asks of us. His response to our questions reflect not only his heart for us, but help reveal what’s in our hearts.

In this message, we discover that the direction does not clarify the destination, but rather the destination clarifies the direction. Our destination is to be with God, and Jesus provides the direction to Him. The question that remains is, what keeps you from setting God as your destination? And how can you work through either an attitude of indifference towards Jesus, or simply a stronger desire to follow your own way that prevents you from fully following him?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS...

1. Describe a time when you knew where you were supposed to be, but didn’t know how to get there? What part of your “directions” were missing? What did you do to fill in the gaps?
2. Read John 14:1-5. Why do you think Thomas and the other disciples were so confused about where Jesus was going and how they would get there? How does Jesus comfort them?
3. Jesus provides instruction for both the destination and the directions to the destination. Read John 14:6 -11, and 1 John 2:4. What is the destination? How do we get to be with the Father? How can we be sure we are following him?
4. What keeps you from setting Jesus as your destination? For instance, do you feel indifferent towards God? Do you prefer to do things your way? Do you fear what might happen if you commit to following Jesus? Understanding what holds you back is the first step to learning what you need in order to believe and trust in Jesus.
5. Close by reflecting on this question: Does your current direction reflect your destination? If not, what is missing? What is something you can do this week to align yourself towards Jesus?

## **BIBLICAL TEXTS CITED...**

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.” “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” **John 14:1-5**

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do. **John 14:6-11**

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.” **1 John 2:3-4**

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