



February 8th, 2026

True Disciples Know the Way

John 14:1-7

1. What does Jesus mean by “Let not your hearts be troubled”? What tends to trouble your heart most, and how does Jesus’ command speak to that?
2. What happens to our fears when heaven becomes more about relationship than a location?
3. Discuss this quote from the Gospel Primer:

The essence of eternal life is not found in having my sins forgiven, in possessing a mansion in heaven, or in having streets of gold on which to walk forever. Rather, the essence of eternal life is intimately knowing God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent (John 17:3). Everything else that God gives to me in the gospel serves merely to bring me to himself so that this great end might be achieved. Christ died for the forgiveness of my sins so that I might be brought back “to God” (1 Peter 3:18). Christ is preparing a place for me in heaven so that he might receive me “to himself” and have me forever with him where he is (John 14:2-3).

And yes, there is a street of gold in heaven, but is there any doubt where the street leads? Unquestionably, it leads straight to the throne of God himself (Rev. 21:21-22:2), as do all of God’s gifts to me in the gospel. As I meditate on the gospel each day, I find my thoughts inevitably traveling from the gifts I’ve received to the Giver of those gifts; and the more my thoughts are directed to him, the more I experience the essence of eternal life. The “gospel of God” is from God, comes through God, and leads me to God (Rom 11:36) and it is in him that my soul finds its truest joy and rest (Psalm 16:11, 37:4, 73:25-28).

Milton Vincent, *The Gospel Primer* (“The Ultimate Prize”)

4. How do people today try to reach God while avoiding Jesus’ exclusive claim?
 - How does Jesus being the *Way* challenge self-focused spirituality?

- How does Jesus being the *Truth* confront our culture?
- How does Jesus being the *Life* redefine what eternal life actually is?

5. How should what Jesus says in vs. 6 shape the way Christians speak about the exclusive truth claims of Christ in a pluralistic culture?

Schedule for Memorizing John 15:1-17

January 11 - John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

January 18 - John 15:3-4 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

January 25 - John 15:5-6 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

February 1 - John 15:7-8 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

February 8 - John 15:9-10 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

February 15 - John 15:11-12 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

February 22 - John 15:13-15 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

March 1 - John 15:16-17 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.