

Opening Prayer: Gracious God,

We gather today seeking direction, clarity, and purpose. In a world full of competing voices, help us to hear Yours. Open our hearts to Your Word and guide our conversation so that we may grow together in faith. Remind us that in Christ, we already know the way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Theme: Knowing the Way vs. Knowing About the Way This week focuses on the difference between simply understanding faith intellectually and actually walking in relationship with Jesus, who is the way.

Secular Quote: *“If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.”*

— *Lewis Carroll*

Starter Question: Think about a time you were lost—physically, emotionally, or spiritually. What helped you find your way again?

Digging Deeper Questions

John 14:6 – “I am the way...”

- What do you think Jesus meant by saying He *is* the way, rather than just showing the way?
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Proverbs 4:18 – “The path... shines brighter and brighter”

- What does it look like for your faith journey to grow brighter over time?
- Where have you seen growth or clarity in your life recently?

Psalm 119:9–11 – Guarding our way

- What practices help you stay “on the path” spiritually?
- What tends to pull you off course?

1 Peter 2:9 – “A chosen people...”

- How does knowing you belong to God shape the way you live daily?
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Actionable (Live It Out This Week): “Follow the Way Challenge”

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Then act on it in one practical way:

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Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth, and the life. Help us not just to know about You, but to truly follow You. Shape our hearts, guide our decisions, and help us reflect Your love in everything we do. As we go from this place, remind us that we are never lost when we walk with You. Lead us this week, step by step. In Your name, Amen.

Daily Scripture Guide:

Monday – Choosing the Right Path: Proverbs 3:5–6

Focus: Trusting God over our own understanding.

Tuesday – Walking in the Light: Psalm 119 105–112

Focus: God’s Word as guidance for daily living.

Wednesday – Following Jesus Daily: Luke 9:23–25

Focus: What it means to truly follow Jesus.

Thursday – Living as God’s People: 1 Peter 2:9–12

Focus: Identity and purpose in Christ.

Friday – Staying Connected to the Way: John 15:1–8

Focus: Remaining connected to Jesus.

Saturday – Walking by Faith: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

Focus: Trusting God even when we don’t see the whole picture.

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