DISCIPLESHIP PLAN WEEK 1 - COMMUNITY





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John 14:4-7 NIV

(Jesus said), "You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."



Questions

- -Why does Jesus say He is three different things: the way, the truth, and the life?
- -What do each of those words bring to mind for you when you think about them?



The Way: Community, Compassion, Justice

The way of Jesus would remind the disciples of the roads they walked with Him. They would have reflected on the community they formed, the marginalized people they met, and the restorative work of healing they performed.



The Truth: Worldview, the Gospel, the Bible, Doubt

The truth of Jesus would recall for the disciples the things He taught them. They would have been reminded of Jesus' worldview, what He believed about God, the good news of the Kingdom, and how doubt and fear would affect their certainty.



The Life: Rest, Prayer, the Holy Spirit and Mental Health

The <u>life</u> of Jesus would refresh the disciples on His daily rhythms. They would have remembered Jesus' time alone with God, His time in deep prayer, His connection with the Holy Spirit, and the ways He took care of Himself.

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John 1:35-51 NIV

The next day John (the Baptist) was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter). The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on'the Son of Man."



Questions

- -What does "come and see" imply about Jesus' approach to inviting disciples?
- -What might Nathaneal have experienced when he accepted Philip's invitation?



Application

-Have you said yes to following Jesus before? If not... would you consider His invitation to "come and see" by committing to reading through the book of John this month?
-Take one hour this week to invest in community - go to church, small group, or a social gathering where you can connect with other believers.

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