

Remaining in Christ: Jesus' "I am" statements in the Gospel of John

Session VII

Questions for Reflection

The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:1-15)

These questions are deep, and you will need to spend some time reflecting before you answer. We suggest you choose one or two questions each day and work on them throughout the week.

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1. Identify some of the ways you “believe into” Jesus (vv. 1, 12) – some of the ways you actively step into his “way” in your daily life. Now, picking up on the phrase “believe that” in v. 10, identify some things you really trust because Jesus said them. How do these trusted words of Jesus bring you to a richer and more abundant life? If you are doing this study with a group, compile a list of these trusted words and how they improve the quality of the life of your community.
2. Identify some of the actions or patterns of Jesus’ life (some aspects of “the way”) that mean the most to you. Describe how your life and the lives of people around you are made better by living these patterns in daily life.
3. According to John’s Gospel, we are all created through the divine logos – the Word, or Reasoning or Wisdom of God (John 1:1-5). Based on your own experience, what are some of the important aspects or character of that divine image in your life? Once again, if you are doing this study with a group, compile a list of the various aspects or character of the divine image through which we are created. You might consider using this list as a weekly measuring rod for how you and your community are faring as you try to live into this divine image.
4. As “the truth,” Jesus is the one who is “unforgetting.” He is always reminding us how to live into the divine image in and through which we are created. What are some aspects of that divine image or nature which you are tempted “to forget” from time to time? If you are doing this study in a group, you might all share your lists of temptations. You might promise to support and encourage one another each week by helping one another be unforgetting, so that you continue growing into this divine image through which you were created.
5. Jesus promises those who “believe into” him that God will work through them the same or even greater “works” than God worked through Jesus. Make a list of things you have seen God “work” through you and through others in your community that appear to be like or even greater than what God worked through Jesus. Describe your experiences of God as you recognize how God is at work through you and others in your community.

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