

In the message, we likened life without Jesus to watching a 13" black and white TV and life with Jesus to experiencing the 60-yard HD video board in the stadium with 100,000 people! When we experience the world through Jesus, everything comes to life!

12. Why don't people in general believe this?

13. Do you believe this? Why or why not?

14. How has the Church helped or hindered this view of Jesus?

Questions for Reflection:

- Jesus is the most significant and influential figure in history. How influential is He in your life?
- What do you think are the things in life that are keeping you from experiencing all God wants for you? (What's your 13" TV?)
- How might religion be a barrier to you experiencing a relationship with God?
- Is there something that's keeping you from believing Jesus is the "way, the truth, and the life?"
- Has your experience with the church been that it's a place where you can honestly ask questions and share your doubts?
- What questions or doubts do you have about faith and life?

If you have questions about Jesus or faith and doubts, we would love to help you work through them. No question is off limits. Please feel free to contact Kory by e-mail; kory@waiteparkchurch.org.



Life in HD

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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No one has had a greater impact on history than _____.

Jesus held less _____ but higher _____.

Our busy lives are our attempt to find _____.

John 14:1-8

Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many _____."

Judaism in Jesus' day was characterized by _____.

Jesus came to make it _____ to find God.

“I am the _____.”

- There is no _____ that can get you to where you’re going.

“I am the _____.”

- When we talk about truth, we’re talking about _____.

“I am the _____.”

- Many people _____ in life.

The key: _____ in Jesus.

Questions for Study:

1. Do you agree that Jesus has been the most influential person in history? Can you think of anyone close to Jesus in that regard?
2. Why do you think Jesus has been so influential?
3. Would you agree that simple is “in?” What evidence do you see of this?
4. How do you respond to Kory’s belief that Jesus is simple?
5. In what ways is life complex today? Is it more complex than 50 years ago? If so, how?

Review John 14:1-8

6. What does it mean to “trust” someone? What do you have to believe about them in order to trust them?

In Jesus’ day, Judaism was a religion of separation. It was “us vs. them,” God’s chosen people vs. people not chosen by God, the people with the true religion vs. people with false religion. The Jews had been told to stay separate from all other people and the most religious people learned the lesson well. They began to see themselves as a superior race of people and looked down on the “gentiles” (non-Jews). But when Jesus came, He came teaching that God was available to everyone.

7. In what ways is the Church today, like the Jewish religious leaders of Jesus’ day?
8. Do you think people in the church should see themselves as *different* or separate from people outside the church? Why or why not?

Kory said that we always interpret the words of Jesus “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me,” as being exclusive, but they’re actually inclusive.

9. Can you recall why He said this? Do you agree?
10. What are the everyday obstacles we have to having a relationship with God?
11. What are the religious obstacles we sometimes have to having a relationship with God?