

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

**1) A Servant Leader**

- a. John 13:1-5 What lesson did Jesus want to teach His disciples as He came to the close of His earthly ministry? (Mark 10:45)
- b. Why was this lesson so necessary for His disciples back then and also for us? Luke 22:24, Mark 10:35-45, 1 Peter 5:5-6
- c. What service did Jesus institute as a reminder of His servant leadership and His instruction to be servant leaders ourselves? John 13:13-17
- d. Who has been a model for you of servant leadership?
- e. Share a time when the service of foot-washing was particularly meaningful for you.

**2) A returning King**

- a. John 14:1-3 What wonderful promise did Jesus give to His troubled disciples?
- b. How do these words of Jesus emphasize the certainty of His return?
- c. How will His second coming of Jesus be different from His first coming as a baby in Bethlehem? Matthew 24:27,30-31, Acts 1:10-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, Revelation 1:7, etc.
- d. Why is the certainty of the return of Jesus in glory such a precious truth for you?

**3) A bold three-fold claim**

- a. What question did Thomas ask Jesus and how did Jesus respond? John 14:5-6
- b. What important truths are conveyed in this I AM statement of Jesus?
- c. How would you respond to a friend who says, "I think it's arrogant of Jesus to make such an exclusive claim"?
- d. How is Jesus "the Way"?
- e. What is the relationship between the truths found in the Bible and Jesus, the Truth? John 5:39-40, Luke 24:24-27, etc.
- f. Why is it essential to go beyond knowing truth and know the Truth? (John 4:23-24, 8:32,36, 17:3)
- g. When did you come to realize that a personal relationship with Jesus was more important than simply knowing the truths found in the Bible?

**4) A complete revelation of the Father**

- a. What request did Philip make to Jesus and what was the startling response of Jesus? John 14:8-9
- b. How is Jesus a full revelation of God the Father? John 1:18, Hebrews 1:1-3, etc.
- c. What aspects of God's character do you see most clearly revealed in the life of Jesus?

