

Digging Deeper

1. Read Matthew 16:13-20. Even non-Christians can appreciate many of the words of Jesus. But what type of person is Jesus to them? Outside of Christianity, who do people say Jesus is?

2. Next, read John 14:6. How does this claim come across as provocative in our culture? Where does the intolerance of Jesus' statement show up in the news, television, and social media? How does the world reject Jesus' words?

3. Now, read Matthew 7:21-23. Apart from Jesus, how do people think they will get to heaven? What are some techniques, practices, or philosophies that people use to claim hope in their life after death?

4. Read 1 Timothy 2:5. In your own words, what does Jesus lead us away *from*? What does He guide us *toward*? Without Jesus, how could we do this? Could we?

5. Finally, read John 5:39-40. What is the difference between *knowing* the way to life and *walking* it? How do people get the information of Jesus (as the way, truth, and life), but miss the important element of living this in their daily lives? How can a person know the truth and still miss it? When have you witnessed this firsthand?

Applying the Message

1. Today, you may need to do some business with God. What have you learned that quickens your pulse at the idea of Jesus being the way, truth, and life? What are you feeling compelled to do about it?

2. If you are already a Christian, where might complacency have crept into your life? What kind of internal shift needs to take place in order for you to get back into a “fully committed Christian” posture toward Jesus and also toward this lost world?