

Life Group Notes: w/b Sunday 24th November 2024

On there Road

No Alternative Way

- Describe a time when you have either given or received directions for a journey. How easy was it to follow?
- If you remember the days before sat-nav's, and a map was used, what was it like to have someone telling you which way to go?

Read John 13:36 & 14:1-4

- Jesus is using language familiar to people in his own day. After a man and woman were engaged, the man would return to his parents' home to begin construction on an attached dwelling for the two of them to begin their married life. This meant a period of prolonged separation. But when he had finished their new home/room, the groom would return for his bride, to take her back for a joyous wedding celebration and to live with him from that point forward. How does this cultural knowledge shed greater light on what Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples here?
- Look up the following verses and discuss the reasons why Jesus' disciples would have had troubled hearts: John 13:21-22; 13:33; 13:36-38. Now, discuss to what extent we as disciples of Jesus today share the same fears.

- Jesus says He will return to take us to be with Himself. Look up 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 and spend some time encouraging each other with these words.

Read John 14:5-6

- What does Jesus mean when he says he is:
 - a. The Way (Jn 1:14; 3:13)
 - b. The Truth (Jn 1:14, 18; 5:19ff; 8:29)
 - c. The Life (Jn 1:4; 3:15; 5:26; 11:25)
 - How is this claim both radically exclusive and inclusive?

From this passage -

- When you're stressed or troubled what gives you comfort and why?
- What are common ways others seek to find comfort in stress and trouble?
- Do all roads lead to heaven?

Spend time praying for one another