**Discussion Guide for Community Groups**

**Jesus: “The way, the truth and the life”**

**Icebreakers:**

1. Have you ever been lost? (How did you react when you realized that you were lost?)
2. When you are trying to go to a place for the first time ever, do you rely on a navigator, such as google maps? (Do you have a good sense of direction, or are you hopelessly direction blind?)
3. Do you trust your “software” navigator? Has it ever been wrong?

**Background:** *When it comes to (almost) any subject or topic, there are different opinions concerning the facts and truth. Opinions are only as valid as the facts that support them. A narrative, regardless of how often or loudly spoken, is not the truth unless it lines up with the facts. In our culture today, many are playing fast and loose with the truth. Social engineering is being based on unproven ideas rather than the known facts. Obviously, in the long run, this will lead to a dysfunctional society. What is the cure? Truth!*

**John 14:1-6 NASB95 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.**

**In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. [3] If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. [4] And you know the way where I am going.” [5] Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” [6] Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

1. Why were the disciples troubled? (Even after the resurrection, the disciples did not understand why Jesus was leaving them)
2. Why would Jesus suggest that we could believe in Him, just as we believe in God?
3. If you had been one of the disciples in this moment, what question would you have asked Jesus?

**Jesus declared: I am the way, and the truth, and the life.**

**Jesus is the way:** Matt 7:13,14 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

1. What makes you believe that Jesus is the “exclusive” way to eternal life?
2. Why do you think God did not open up other possibilities for making it into heaven?

**Jesus is the truth:** John 8:31-33 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

1. How important is the truth to you personally?
2. In what way does the truth make you free?

**Jesus is the life: John 1:2-5 He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend**

1. Can you imagine a universe without a creator? (What do you think of Rene Descartes’ statement: “Nothing can come from nothing.”)
2. Jesus is referred to as being “The Light,” what is it about Jesus that makes Him the light?

**Wrap-up:** *The Apostle John makes a good case for believing in Jesus. Without Jesus showing us the way, we are just stumbling in the darkness of our own intellect. Without Jesus revealing the truth, every man does what is right in his own eyes. Without Jesus breathing spiritual life into our dying existence there is no future or eternal life. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life!*