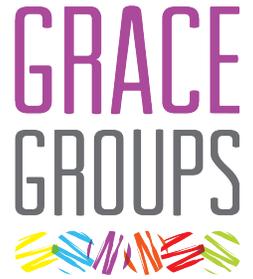


Grace Groups Questions

Sunday, March 29, 2020



Sanctuary Service

Dr. Tim Bruster "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

John 14:1-7

1. At the beginning of the 14th chapter of John, Jesus says, "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. What meaning does this have for you now in these uncertain times? Have there been other times when you found the 14th chapter of John particularly meaningful or comforting?"
2. Each word in this "I am" saying has something important to say about the nature of Jesus as the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. How is Jesus the *Way*? How is Jesus the *Truth*? How is Jesus the *Life*?
3. What does it mean when Jesus says, "No one comes to the Father except through me?"

The Gathering

Rev. Lance Marshall

1. Are you grieving any losses right now? What are you grieving?
2. How has this time of pandemic most impacted your life?
3. How might following Jesus help you feel comfortable or protected during this time?

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Rev. Tom McDermott

1. Jesus' I Am statement: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to God but by way of me." What does he mean by "comes to God"? The way to what?
2. In this time of the "CoVid-19 pandemic," what does following Jesus' way look like? Where is the truth and the life at the heart of this reality we are all inescapably drawn into?
3. When Jesus first met the disciples, his presence altered their view of reality – of who God was/is, as well as their view of themselves in relation to God and in relation to other people (both friend and foe). Their encounter with Jesus changed the direction of their narrative... the story they had been living was suddenly upended. Those who chose to follow this new narrative thread in their life would, follow Jesus' example and live in this new way and truth (I can imagine their friends looking at them years later and saying things like, "You were such a successful tax collector. What happened to you, man?" Or, "Weren't you Zebedee's wife? And now you're one of the leaders of a community of these Jewish, Gentile misfits?" Or, "I have to say, Tobias, you were such a nobody back then – broken and poor. You seem so at peace and connected with so many people now. What happened?")

The CoVid-19 has only just begun to challenge our way of life and our perspective on the world at large and around us. How will peers, your kids/grandkids, your family (you yourself) look back on who you were then, and what you became, in light of your living through this reality? How did (will) Jesus as "the way" inform the direction of what others remember?