

# THE WORLD IS WATCHING

WEEK THREE // John 14:1-14 + 1 John 2:1-6

## OVERVIEW

As we attempt to live in such a way that displays the reality of the resurrection to the onlooking world, we examine these famous words of Jesus, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Could the order of these ancient truths be pointing us to something significant when it comes to the invitation of Jesus in our life?

## DISCUSS

Can you think of a skill you have acquired by trial and error? What?

**Read the following passages out loud together: John 14:1-14 + 1 John 2:1-6**

In light of this week's message, did anything in particular stand out going through these texts together?

What challenges do you face when it comes to letting the truths you believe impact how you actually live?

In terms of how you live, what do you think is the strongest part of your witness to the world around? What about the weakest?

What about what he taught in His ministry do you feel compelled to try out more in your life?

What about how he lived in His life on earth do you feel compelled to try out more in your life?

Did anything else stick out from this message?

Are you feeling led to take any particular step in regards to this week's message/discussion?

How can our group come alongside in doing so?

## PRACTICES TO GROW IN ATTENTIVENESS TO ONE ANOTHER

We often limit our listening to others to just their words, all the while they are speaking to us through many other means. The problem is, many of us don't really know how to listen to each other's nonverbal queues. Below are two games you can play as a group to flex the relational muscles necessary to learn each other's nonverbal language. Playing these games one time will not immediately build the relational muscles needed to hear each other when words aren't being used, so consider playing these games at the beginning or end of group for the coming weeks.

### FOLLOW THE LEADER

- Have everyone stand up.
- Select a leader to stand in front of the group (we recommend picking a quieter member of your group).
- Set a 30 second timer.
- Once the timer begins, everyone in the group has to mirror every single motion the leader makes (facial expressions, arm/leg movement, breathing patterns, etc.). The leader should not be making any sounds (though you'll inevitably laugh at some point).
- Allow a few people to be the leader for your group.
- Once a couple people have been the leader, discuss your experience as a group.
- What did that feel like?
- Did anything surprise you?

### TELL US WHAT HAPPENED.

- With everyone seated, select a leader to stand before the group (we recommend picking a quieter member of your group).
- Have the leader act out a specific event from their past week without using words. And make sure that leader is being specific, like: "I rolled my ankle at Sky Zone." NOT "I had dinner."
- Have the rest of the group actively work together to figure out what the leader is trying to communicate. Shout out words that you think the leader is trying to get them to say, allowing the leader to nod in approval or disapproval.
- Allow a couple people to be the leader.
- After a few people have had the chance to lead discuss your experience as a group.
- What did that feel like?
- What was the more difficult position? Being the leader or trying to figure out what the leader was communicating?