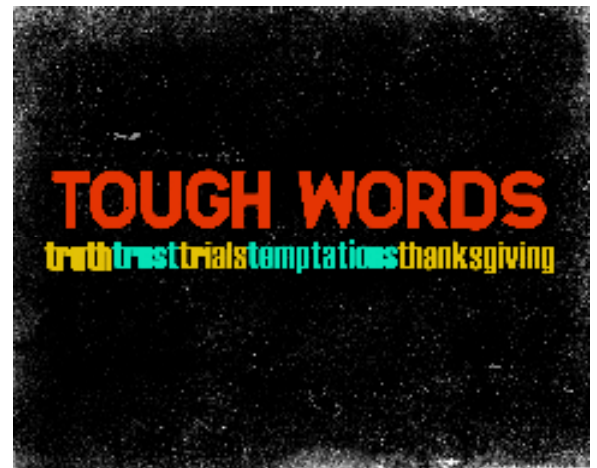


Study Guide for Sunday Message (for individuals and Small Groups)

Our Mission

To turn seekers into disciplers in community.
We accomplish this mission when we:

- Invite people to a loving community,
- Offer a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ,
- Develop authentic examples of Christian character and conduct, and
- Mobilize teams for ministry in the church and mission in the world.



On the Horizon

Christmas Gift Donations—Each year, New Horizon provides a Christmas present for residents at the Times Center and Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry. This year we are collecting 100 of each of the following items: toothbrushes, bar soap, full size tooth paste, men's stick deodorant, and disposable razors. There is a collection box in the breezeway of the main entrance for donations.

The second annual **Outreach Benefit Concert** will be **October 24th** in the Connection Cafe **from 6-9pm**. We will gather for music, fun, fellowship and food as we raise money and awareness for all New Horizon does to help our community and around the world. If you would like to provide a donation for the bake sale, please email Doug Berkman at ichthys@mchsi.com.

Great October Days, Friday, October 30th Great October Days is our annual Halloween alternative. This year we are celebrating this family fun event on Friday, October 30 from 6-8pm. Invite your friends to New Horizon Friday night and then hang out with your neighbors Saturday night. For more information contact Julie McClure at jules1977@sbcglobal.net.

Small Group Workshop—November 8, 12:30-4pm This workshop is for anyone interested in learning more about small groups, for current small group leaders, and those who might be interested in leading a small group. Register on the website at newhorizonchurch.org or call the Church Office at 359-8909.

Heart Bible Readings for the Week

Sunday: John 14:6-7
Monday: John 4:23-24
Tuesday: John 8:31-32
Wednesday: John 14:17
Thursday: John 15:26
Friday: John 16:12-15
Saturday: John 17:13-17

Note to Small Group Leaders:

Be sure to read John 13 through 17 to get a good understanding of what is going on during the last supper of Jesus with His disciples. This will help you help the group understand the power behind the verses 14:6-7.

Guide for the HEART Bible Study

H - Hear the scripture: Read the scripture aloud so that you can hear it. Second, write every word of the scripture in your journal. If the text is long, look for words and verses that really are speaking to you and write them down. Both the reading aloud and the writing it will help mark, or place the scripture in your heart and mind.

E - Encounter: Let your mind circle around the text. Ask God, "Lord, what is it You want me to learn from this scripture?" Begin to listen to God. Let Him guide you. Write down what He gives you from the scripture.

A - Apply: Ask yourself, "How does this scripture apply to my life?" This is an opportunity for you to inwardly digest the scripture.

Look for: Promises to claim; Attitudes to change; Challenges to accept; Sins to confess; Commands to obey; Actions to take; Examples to follow; Skills to learn

R - Response: Determine to respond to what God has shown you by asking yourself, "What in my life do I need to give over to God?" Everyday, through this Bible study, you will have an opportunity to discover God and subsequently respond to Him in life-changing ways.

T - Transforming your Life: As you end your Bible study time, pray "Lord, I have received and thought about Your word to me; now, help me to follow You."

Discussion

Truth

Ice Breaker possibilities that can lead into the study:

- Describe a time that you were not truthful growing up. What happened?
- State three things about you that others may not know about. Have one of the three statements be untrue. Let others in the group guess as to what is true and what is false.

Scripture: John 14:6-7 (NLT)

(Have a person from the group read these verses.) Use the HEART Bible Study to read, hear, mark and inwardly digest this passage.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

Introduction:

Jesus gathered His disciples at the last meal that He would with them before His arrest and crucifixion. He had a great deal to say to His closest followers. He wanted to let them know some things about God, Himself and also about them. In the process, Jesus talks about who He is. He makes the statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Discussion Questions:

1. In your own words, define the word "truth." What is tough about truth?
2. How do you know if something is true or not?
3. In your own words, what did Jesus mean when He said that He was the way, the truth and the life?
4. Jesus continued His statement by saying in verse seven, "*If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!*" How do you feel about this statement that Jesus makes?

Reflect:

5. Thomas Kempis wrote, "Without the way, there is no going; without the truth, there is no knowing; without the life, there is no living." Does his statement ring true in your own life?

Apply:

6. What do you feel God is calling you to do now that you have taken a serious look at this passage?
What are the first steps?

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