



Part 1 - December 7, 2025

Introduction

This week we launched our Christmas series, “The Way in a Manger.” Rich reminded us how easy it is to feel confident about the direction we’re heading—only to realize much later that we’ve actually been lost for a while. Proverbs 14:12 says there is a way that seems right but leads to death. John tells us that Jesus—the eternal Word—became flesh, full of grace and truth. And Jesus Himself says, “I am the way.” Tonight we’ll talk about how we drift off course, and what it means to follow Jesus as the Way this Christmas.

Discussion Questions

1. Share a lighthearted story of a time you got physically lost. What convinced you that you weren’t where you thought you were?
2. Can you think of a season when you later realized, “I was heading in the wrong direction”? What warning signs did you miss?
3. **Read Proverbs 14:12.** What is this verse warning us about? Where do you see “ways that seem right” in our culture today?
4. **Read John 1:1–5, 14.** What stands out most to you here? How does it affect you to think of Jesus as Creator and the One who holds everything together?
5. **Read John 14:1–6.** How is following a person different from following principles? How might this change how you make decisions?
6. Where are you mainly asking, “What should I do?” What might it look like to instead ask, “Jesus, how can I follow You here?”
7. What is one area where you sense you may be “a little lost”? What would honesty look like this week?
8. A Simple Prayer for the Season
“Heavenly Father, show me Your will for my life. Show me the way.”
Where do you most need God’s direction, and what step can you take toward Jesus’ way?

Ending the Night

Christmas reminds us that God didn’t leave us to guess—Jesus became flesh, full of grace and truth, and said, “I am the way.”

Challenge for the week: Pray daily, “Show me the way,” take one step toward Jesus’ way, and consider who you might invite to Christmas Eve (4pm on the 24th!)