

YOU KNOW...

5/23 & 5/24

[John 14:1-6](#) - "You know" is one of those phrases that can disrupt a person's thoughts. When "you know" is said, a follow-up question is, what do I know? Jesus is preparing his disciples for his death and resurrection. He tells them that he is going to prepare a place for them and bring them there. He also says they know. Philip is the one who gets the courage to ask the question, how do we know? They needed clarification, which was provided. Jesus is the one they need to know because he is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the only way to the Father. The same holds for us. As we spend time with Jesus, we see that he is the way, the truth, and the life. We see that he will bring us to the place he has prepared for us, his Father's house.

Do you know Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life?

How does this come out in your daily activities?

What does it feel like knowing Jesus prepared a place for you?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for May 18 – May 24, 2026

Have you ever gotten lost? When I was younger, I spent a lot of time in the woods near my house. One day, I made up my mind to explore where the creek went. As I explored, I ended up in a place I had never been. I was anxious and started walking a little faster, trying to find something that looked familiar. I happened upon a road and realized I was about a mile from my home. I wasn't really lost, but sure felt like I was. Jesus describes himself as "the way, the truth, and the life." He is the one who will bring us to the Father. The question is, will we trust him to do that? Will we trust him to lead us to the Father so that we will have life? The spiritual journey is filled with twists and turns that turn us around, leaving us feeling lost, but Jesus is walking with us and pointing out familiar places that remind us that we are not lost. We are loved and cared for. ~ Pastor Seth

GOD'S GOODNESS

Mon. 5/18

[Psalm 145](#) – When you find something that you like. Do you tell others about it? Do you let others know about a good restaurant? Do you let others know about a favorite show? Most of us let our friends know about the good things we experience—the psalmist shares about the good things God is doing. In verse 4, the psalmist points out that one generation tells the next generation about the mighty acts of God. The psalmist wants to praise God for what He is doing, and others to experience God's goodness. The way we experience God's goodness is by following Him and trusting that He will lead us on the path that leads to Him.

Would you agree with Psalm 145? Why?

When have you experienced God's goodness? Who did you tell about it?

A CHOICE

Tue. 5/19

[Deuteronomy 30:11-20](#) – Moses lived a long life. As he is preparing for his death, he wants the people to understand the depth of their commitment to the covenant God gave them. Many people saw God's provision for them, the clothes that didn't wear out, the manna that came every morning, and many other blessings. Moses wanted to be certain that they understood what they were signing up for as they moved into the Promised Land. Moses understood their heart. He knew they would say yes to God now, but later generations would choose differently. He knew they would take the easy way out because their forebears had done so. He knew the pattern all too well. So, he told them about the amazing things God would do for and against them, and trusted them to walk with God.

Every day we choose to follow Jesus or not. What do you choose?

How are you living out your choice?

GOD'S POWER ON DISPLAY

Wed. 5/20

[Joel 2:28-32](#) - On Pentecost, Peter quotes part of this prophecy in describing what is happening with the disciples. Some in the crowd think the disciples drank too much. Peter says that it's not true; the work of the Holy Spirit is what the people are witnessing. God's Spirit is being poured out so that people will be saved. Throughout the Bible, God tries to save people again and again. He provides opportunities for people to turn back to Him. He patiently waits to pour out His judgment. In this prophecy, God says that He will show the Earth and its inhabitants many wonders and signs, so they will know He is calling them to follow His lead. As Peter preaches, the people hear Peter's words in their native language, showing a sign of God's power. Some ask, what must they do to be saved?

How does God provide a way for people to be saved?

How is God providing signs and wonders in today's world?

ANOTHER COUNSELOR

Thur. 5/21

[John 15:26-16:15](#) - In the Gospel of John, there is a theme of Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. In our reading for today, this theme keeps coming forth. Our reading starts with the Spirit of truth coming to testify about Jesus, and his disciples share that testimony because they have been with Jesus since the beginning of his ministry. They understand what he teaches and why he teaches. The disciples misinterpreted why Jesus taught until after his death and resurrection; then they understood that the new kingdom Jesus taught was different from what they expected. Jesus shares with them the hardships they will face, but they shouldn't worry because another Advocate is coming to be with them, the Holy Spirit.

How is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life in your life?

How is the Holy Spirit impacting you?

BELIEVE AND CONFESS

Fri. 5/22

[Romans 10:1-17](#) - Romans is a letter the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Rome. It is also one of the clearest and most logical explanations of why we should believe Jesus is the Savior of the world. Before Romans 10, Paul is speaking to Jewish believers about Jesus as the way to God for all people. Paul says that all who believe that Jesus is Lord in their heart and confess it with their mouths will be saved. He then goes on to say that they (which includes us) should be telling others about Jesus. His logic is, how can others know if no one tells them, and how can they be told if no one goes to share the good news of Jesus? The same holds for us. If Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, how will others know if we won't tell them?

What does it mean to confess with our mouth and believe in our hearts?

Who is God putting on your heart to tell about Jesus?