

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

The Way

A Sermon Application Guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Our hope is that the living, breathing words of truth that are revealed to you become a part of your everyday life. In the book of James, we read about a key to living life with God. We are told that if we ask for wisdom by faith then we shall receive it generously from our Father in Heaven. One of the best ways to receive this wisdom is by preparing to receive it. We invite you to pray this prayer prior to the message and starting the study guide:

“God, thank You for Your truth and wisdom. Help me to see what I need to see, hear what I need to hear, and know what I need to know. Holy Spirit, help me to understand in a way that shows me the Father's true nature and heart. May this time help me to know You more and become more like Jesus. Amen.”

Message Theme

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We don't need more guidance, we need more obedience.

Key Concepts/Truths

Do not walk in fear. Seek God and walk in His peace.

What has God already shown you that you need to do. Obey the guidance that God has already given you.

Everything will let you down except Jesus. He will never fail you. He is the only way to have a solid, guided, and peaceful life no matter what's around us.

As the world becomes more divided and fearful, believers should become even more peaceful and united in our God. The Church should look different from the world because we are not of the world.

We will always give our time, discipline, effort, commitment, and perseverance to something; is that something our personal issues, societal issues, or our Father God?

Key Verses: John 14:6 • John 14:27

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers out.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it out.

Real-Life Application

Imagine eating only McDonalds french fries for the rest of your life. You might be okay for a few days - you wouldn't have to plan or prepare meals, spend so much money on groceries, or worry about dieting. But eventually your body wouldn't be able to work properly. From your brain to your fingertips, every part of your body would be affected. What you put in affects how your body operates.

Our spirit works the same way. What we put in is what will come out. If we are putting more of the world's ideas, beliefs, and values into our heart than the things of God, we will end up looking more like the world than a follower of Jesus. And difficult, stressful, and chaotic times bring out more and more of what is on the inside of us.

We know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way by which we understand his truth and is the life we receive in ourselves because of it. The things of the world are easy to let into our heart. But as a believer, we need to make sure that our heart is filled with God. Staying filled with Him requires time, discipline, effort, commitment, perseverance. During trying times, dig deeper into your relationship with God! Let's spend time in God's word. Let's pay attention to what he's doing around us. Let's make things practical and set aside 30 minutes of the next hour to focus on the Lord and see what he wants to say to us. We will never walk away discouraged from that time spent genuinely seeking our Father's face.

This Week's Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

- Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life. Have your way in my thoughts, desires, opinions, and life.
- I let my value, purpose, desires, and hope be based on Jesus, and I receive his fulfilling life by doing so.
- I focus on God and his kingdom, and he arranges my life according to his purpose.
- I allow God a greater piece of my time, my heart, and my focus, and I know I will never be the same.

Greater Things

When your heart is filled with God, you will look different from the world. Your strength, love, fulfillment, compassion, peace, and joy will have no limit because you will not rely on yourself, but your God. Imagine being an endless source of truth to those around you with the help of the Holy Spirit.

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

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John 14:6 NIV Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.