

The Jesus Way

"The Way"

February 14-15

1. TRUTH IS A PATH, NOT A LECTURE.

¹⁸ *"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,
shining ever brighter till the full light of day.*

¹⁹ *But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know what makes them stumble," (Proverbs 4:18-19 NIV).*

⁶ *"For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction," (Psalm 1:6 NIV).*

"Every action you take is a vote for the type of person you wish to become. No single instance will transform your beliefs, but as the votes build up, so does the evidence of your new identity. This is one reason why meaningful change does not require radical change. Small habits can make a meaningful difference by providing evidence of a new identity. And if a change is meaningful, it is actually big. That's the paradox of making small improvements."

— James Clear

*"Ponder the path of your feet;
then all your ways will be sure," (Proverbs 4:26 ESV).*

"The safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts," —C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

2. JESUS DIDN'T JUST TEACH THE WAY, HE IS THE WAY.

⁴ *"You know the way to the place where I am going."*

⁵ *Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*

⁶ *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me," (John 14:4-6 NIV).*

"May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi."

3. JOIN US FOR A 30-DAY WALK IN 'THE WAY'.

¹ *"Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to **The Way**, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem," (Acts 9:1-2 NIV, emphasis added).*

⁹ “But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned **The Way**,” (Acts 19:9a NIV, emphasis added).

²³ “About that time there arose a great disturbance about **The Way**,”
(Acts 19:23 NIV, emphasis added).

¹⁴ “However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of **The Way**,” (Acts 24:14a NIV, emphasis added).

“The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch,” (Acts 11:26 NIV).

“Christ-ian” means “Little Christ”.

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Many of us learn a lot of insights from Church series. When was the last time your life changed in some way because of a series at Church?
2. When you ponder your steps (daily habits, rhythms, and reactions, what direction are they forming in you? If you stayed on your current path for the next 5 years, where would it lead?
3. Is there any way where you are walking separate from the way of Jesus? What one step of obedience can you take to follow more closely to Jesus and practice the Jesus Way?