Jesus Is Life
Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Describe somebody who has been a good example for you in some aspect of your life (professionally, spiritually, recreationally, etc.).

2. Who was your favorite elementary teacher? Explain.

Read the following passage: John 13:12-17.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group)**:**

1. In this passage Jesus indicates that He wants His disciples to follow His example. What are some aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that are completely unique and inimitable and what are some aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that we should emulate?

2. After washing His disciples' feet, Jesus asks, "Do you understand what I have done for you?" What did Jesus want His disciples to understand in that moment? As we think about this question from our historical location, what should we understand about Jesus' work of redemption? How might reflecting on these realities impact our hearts?

3. Read John 14. Describe some of the good things that Jesus does for those who follow Him. Which of these things is most significant to you?

4. Jesus affirms that He is our "Teacher" and "Lord." Do you think that Jesus' words carry more authority in your life than any other "voices?" What about at work, or in your family, or when you receive bad news (e.g. Mark 5:35-36), or when you think about the future? Explain. Read John 8:31-32. What does it mean to hold to Jesus' teaching? What can you do to give a more prominent place to Jesus' words in your life?

5. When Jesus told His disciples to pray "in His name," He was effectively teaching them to ask "What would Jesus do?" in the context of prayer. How might taking this perspective change how you pray? How might it change how you act or respond in other contexts?

6. Read John 13:16-17. Why is humility necessary for following Jesus' example? What are some ways we might tend to be unwilling to follow Jesus' example?

Pray