



# Discussion Prompts

The Discussion Prompts are provided to dig deeper into a sermon with the respective title mentioned on the right side of this guide (you can find the sermons at [www.manheimbic.org/sermon](http://www.manheimbic.org/sermon)).

Connect

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?

Care

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?

Challenge

Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?

### Study Guide:

Within our sermon series we are still taking a deeper look at the **I AM** words of Jesus. This week's focus is Jesus' claim that He is **the Way, the Truth, and the Life**. This is a pretty steep statement. Jesus is literally saying that HE is the only Way to the heavenly Father. HE is the only real Truth. And only in Jesus will we ever have a fulfilled *and* eternal Life.

In his sermon, Pastor Corby mentioned that in the *2021 world* we usually find a more individualistic approach to God. He called it MORALISTIC THERAPEUTIC DEISM (see sermon). Before you dismiss this statement with a "This-is-not-me" attitude, I want to challenge you to self-examine yourself with these three screening questions:

- In what WAYS do you try to win God's favor? Do you rely on good deeds. Going, or even serving in church. When you get to the gates of heaven, why should they let you in?
- Tell the THUTH, who tells *you* what is right and wrong? Is God's Word your ultimate authority, for *everything*? Or is it your peers? Or your own opinion? What **is** ultimately TRUE?
- What gives you LIFE? What makes you happy? What gives you energy to get up in the morning? Are you happy when you get to talk to God, or is it more of a chore?

Let's be honest, you might have answered JESUS, but does your **lifestyle** really elect your answer? Is Jesus your ticket to heaven, or is it works? Do you gauge right and wrong really on what Jesus said? Does living with Jesus make you happier than anything else?

Here is a last task for today:

Ask yourself, "how can I make sure that I am more aware of Jesus' presence throughout the day?" Write down three simple things.

Now put them into practice. Make them a habit until they become a routine in your life.

Clarify

Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?

Celebrate

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

**They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)**



Initiate and nurture a Growing Relationship with Christ