



## STUDY GUIDE – October 18, 2020

**Message Title:** Wait, What?  
Is Only One Way to God Narrow-minded?  
**Teaching Pastor:** Angie Frame

### Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Share a toy from your childhood that you just *had* to have, a time when you wouldn't take no for an answer.

### Pray:

Dear Lord, there are many different paths and choices in our world to get to many different destinations; it's left us weary and lost at times. At points, the same thing has happened with our connection with You Lord, our heads congested with all the paths about how to get to You. Help us to understand the truth in Your Word, that it's only through Your son Jesus that we can have a true and personal relationship with You. Thank you for this time to grow and learn together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Get Started:

"In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the way to where, or to whom? The way to God. He says no one comes to God the Father except through him. This is one of the verses Christ followers have used to inflict harm on others. What a shame that is--to use this verse to condemn and to hate--when it's a verse of so much love and hope. This verse and the story of Jesus show us that there is a way to God. There's a way! We have an opportunity to go to, to connect with, to Know God. Christians have spent so much time arguing and defending and fighting about who's right and who's wrong that we've lost the magic and miracle that broken, screwed up people like me and you have a way to God." -Pastor Angie Frame

### Read John 14:5-16.

- Some of people's greatest hang-ups or frustrations about Christianity have to do with Jesus as the only way to God. How do Jesus' words here address this?
- What is the hardest part about defending Christianity's exclusive claims?
- How are the way, the truth, and the life related as you experience following Jesus?

### Watch and Discuss video:

- Share briefly with the group a list of things you are narrow and open-minded about.
- Based on Matthew 7:13, what are characteristics of the wide vs. narrow pathway?

**Reflect and Commit:**

“Jesus isn’t the way, the truth, and the life, so that the world can be condemned...but so that the world can be saved, because God loves the world. Those of us who are Christ followers are to continue spreading that message--that the way of Jesus is one NOT of condemnation but of salvation. One not of hate but of love. We are narrow-minded that Jesus is the only way, the one way, to God, but we are open-hearted about the world. Because that’s the example God set for us in sending Jesus to us. He narrowly poured all of himself into his Son and sent him to earth as one man, and he did that because his heart for the world--for me, for you--was so open and large and overflowing with love.” -Pastor Angie Frame

**Read Colossians 4:2-6 and 1 Timothy 2:1-6.**

- If we don’t consider the above before we speak, how could we just be adding to the noise instead of pointing others to Jesus?
- What is one specific thing that God is speaking to you through this teaching? How will that shape your life in the coming week?

**Pray:**

Dear God, thank You for loving us enough that You came to earth to be the Way and to show us the Way, so that we were not left in this broken world to our own devices. We are so grateful that You were willing to die for us and rise again, so that we would not perish but have everlasting life in and with You. Help us know how to answer the world when asked about our faith so that those hearing us may also discover true relationship with You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.