



DISCUSSION GUIDE NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

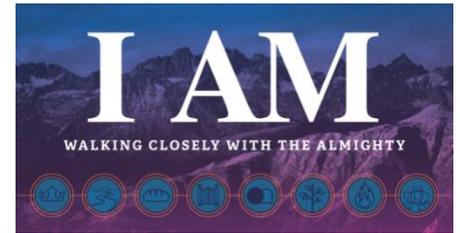
Are there times that you feel alone? Are there times that you feel lonely? Is there a difference? In what ways might you feel lonely in a crowded space, or at your work, or with your beliefs or ideas? What are some ways that you deal with loneliness?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: John 14:1-21

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 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. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be ¹⁸ in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

- What is at the heart of Thomas’ question?
- Is Jesus really “the way, the truth, and the life” in your life or is he just a minor character?
- Jesus leaves us an advocate to “help and be with us forever.” How often do we acknowledge that we have this helper and comforter that is called the “Spirit of Truth”? Would our lives change if we did?



LEADERS

Read John 14:1-21

Key Thoughts

The disciples are afraid that if Jesus leaves them then they will be alone. Jesus not only tells them he is going ahead to prepare a place for us but that he isn’t leaving us alone, but with an advocate. Can we really trust that Jesus is enough to help us through the times that we feel all alone?

Do Big

According to David what are some resources that help with loneliness?

How could your small group help you in your loneliness?

This week look for ways that Jesus is with you in your daily routines.