

Life Change from the Heart
“Step 2: A Skeptic’s Quest for the Truth”
John 14:6-9
For the Week of October 9, 2016
New City Church of LA

GROW & SERVE GROUP GUIDE AND HOMEWORK

Get to know one another

- Introduce the newcomers (don’t spend too much time on this; you will spend most of your time today sharing your spiritual stories/testimonies)

Pray

Encourage the group to go to the church retreat (we still have hardship funds available)

Sermon Reflection

“Life Change from the Heart” is a sermon series on how God changes us from the heart through the gospel. Step 1 is admitting that we are powerless, our lives have become unmanageable, and we can’t fix ourselves. If that’s the case, we need to find a Power greater than ourselves to restore us to sanity. That’s what step 2 is about. We need to go on a quest to find that power. We can’t just see if it works; we have to see if it is true because if it is not true, it is not really going to work in the long run. So, Kevin shared two things: (1) an intellectually credible case for Jesus—that he is not a legend, liar, insane, or just a good teacher, but the Lord God Himself; and (2) that Jesus can restore us to sanity through the gospel. Robin Castañeda shared her testimony in support of the second point that God can restore us to sanity.

Bible Study.

1. **Read John 14:6-9.**
2. What claims did Jesus make about himself? What does Jesus’ answer to Philip’s question mean? Why was this so hard to believe for Jews?
3. What does it mean that he is the way, the truth, and the life?

Going around the circle, ask each person to share his/her spiritual story/testimony

(Allow anyone who wants to skip to skip. You might need to split up into smaller groups to manage time; you will spend most of the group time doing this.)

Share how you are doing this week with one another

Pray for one another, the church, and our neighborhood