**“If God is So Big, Why is Christianity So Narrow?”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that challenged, puzzled or encouraged you in some way.
2. Has anyone ever expressed to you that Christianity is ‘narrow’ or close-minded? How would Sunday’s message help you to respond to this accusation?
3. Read John 14:1-14. .
   1. How does this passage answer the question of Jesus’ exclusivity? In other words, what explanation does Jesus give for him being the only way to God and truth?
   2. What verse or phrase from this passage is most meaningful to you? Why?

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Verse 1 begins: “Let not your hearts be troubled.”
   1. What is an area of your life in which you tend to be troubled?
   2. Based upon the verses that follow this command, how can you fulfill this command not to be troubled?
   3. The expressions “believe on” and “believe in” are used several times in this passage. If believing is the key to inner peace, what is the nature of the belief Jesus is alluding to? In other words, how does is go beyond mere mental assent?

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. Verse 12 states that “whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do”.
   1. Again ‘belief’ here has to do with a full communion with Jesus. Discuss the Holy Spirit’s role in helping you live out Jesus’ mission? Give a personal example.
   2. Verses 13-14 have at times been misconstrued to suggest God is our personal ‘genie’. If you are fully aligned with Jesus’ mission (think of what he came to do and how he lived his life), what is the nature of your prayer requests that Jesus promises the Father will grant?
   3. To what extent do your prayers reflect a desire for God’s kingdom and glory to be advanced?

***Building His Kingdom***

1. On your list of priorities, where does glorifying God and building his kingdom fall? Share your reflections with your life group.
2. Do you yourself tend to see Christianity as narrow (e.g. a list of do’s and don’ts), or for you is it freeing and fulfilling?
3. Write a personal commitment in the blanks below:

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Weekly Scripture Memory

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* John 1:6 (ESV)