WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Way to the Father

John 14:1-14

The Way:

- Is <u>relational</u>: Matthew 7:21-23; John 17:3; Acts 9:2, 19:9; Revelation 19:11.
- Is entered into by <u>faith/believing</u>: Perhaps best understood as <u>trust</u>. John 3:16-18; Hebrews 10:19-20.

The Truth:

- Jesus is the purpose and principle behind all things. 2 Corinthians 1:19-20; John 18:37-38, 19:5, 20:31.
- By Jesus, all other things must be measured. Colossians 1:15-20.
- Therefore, Jesus is the ultimate reality. Revelation 1:17-18.

The Life:

- Jesus <u>is</u> life and <u>gives</u> life. John 1:4, 3:15-16, 5:21, 5:24.
- In contrast we are <u>dead</u>, and must be <u>born again</u>. Ephesians 2:1-3; John 3:3.

Big Idea: As the only way to the Father, the ultimate reality, and the only source of existence, the Lord Jesus Christ must be the focus of our lives.

Invitation: Jesus has presented himself to the world as life itself, the exclusive revelation of truth, and the only way to God. Anything less than complete acceptance of his reality is complete rejection. Do you believe this? Won't you repent of your sins, and so be saved today?

Helpful Quotations:

"Who could mind the journey, when the road leads home? – Dr. James M. Gray

"I am ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. Oc. S. Lewis

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⁷ C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (New York: Macmillan, 1960), 56.