

## **Introduction:**

How do we actually live as followers of Jesus — not just in theory, but in the everyday? This Is the Way explores four markers of a life shaped by Jesus as outlined in John 17: life, worship, unity, and love.

## **Scripture:**

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

– John 17:20–24

## Discussion Questions:

1. Did you watch any of the World Cup this year? What stands out in your memory? What felt different about it being hosted in North America?
2. Unity doesn't mean we all agree or that we're all the same. So how would you define it? Why do you think Jesus prayed for unity specifically in John 17?
3. How does unity connect to living an abundant life?
4. If you had to grade Christians today on unity, what grade would you give — and why?
5. "True belonging doesn't require us to change who we are, it requires us to be who we are." (Brené Brown) — Where have you seen this play out, either in your own life or in helping someone else experience it?
6. "It's hard to hate people close-up." When has getting closer to someone changed how you saw them?
7. When has someone made room for you — moved over, made space, included you? What impact did that have?
8. What does it practically look like to "move in" toward people you don't know well or don't fully understand?
9. Who is one person you could make room for this week, and what's one concrete step you could take toward them?