



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

20 JANUARY

GOOD BOOK: ARROGANT

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements.

MAIN TEXT: *John 14:1-7*

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.[a] If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?[b] 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.”

5 “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. 7 If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is.[c] From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”

COMING UP

21 Jan – The Bible: Myth or History?
 3 Feb – Guest Speaker: Sam Allberry
 10 Feb – Church Family Meeting
 18 Feb – Alpha starts
 27 Feb – Monthly Prayer Meeting

***B.L.E.S.S. means:** Begin with Prayer, Listen with care Eat together, Serve with love, Share Jesus Stories. For more info see westminsterchapel.org.uk/bless.

GETTING STARTED

We want to develop and strengthen a healthy culture of encouragement at Chapel, so each week we’ll start our LG’s by sharing something we want to thank God for: an encouraging thing He’s doing in our lives, or in the lives of others. What ways have you been able to B.L.E.S.S.* those around you in recent weeks?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why do you think people say it's arrogant for one 'religion' to claim it's right and others are wrong? What concerns might they have? *Hint:* conflict, violence, people who don't have access to that particular religion.

2. Jesus makes his exclusive "I am" statement in chapter 14. Starting with verse 1, what is the context? What is the significance of his saying "I am" (see Exodus 3)? In what ways is Jesus' coming in general, and communication here, compassionate, rather than arrogant?

3. When Jesus says "I am" he's also saying "you're not". Why is that hard to swallow? Why do you think virtually all other belief systems think you can be good enough for God? How is what Christianity says about how you get 'home' radically different and uniquely humble?

4. Jesus isn't arrogantly saying, “come through me: I'm great!” He's saying, “come through my broken body; through my suffering on the cross.” Why is the cross and Resurrection of Jesus the *only* way 'home'?

5. What is this 'home' like?

NEXT STEPS AND PRAYER

If you have time, role play how you might tackle *'the Bible/Christianity is arrogant'* issue the next time it comes up in conversation.

Share any inner and/or outer 'trouble' you're experiencing with your group.

Pray into the above together.

Repent of any arrogance, turn from any wrong, trust in self, and put your trust (again) in Jesus only.

Ask God to fill you with peace and hope.

Ask God to help you to make Him known.