# The Focused Jesus: Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life: John 12:1-19:42

# The focused Jesus (12:1-19:42)

## Prepare well

### Anointed in Bethany (12:1-11)

## Go with the flow, but stick to mission

### Triumphal entry (12:12-19)

## Keep your word

### Accurate prophecy to prove reliability (12:20-36; 13:18-38)

## Do the low jobs

### Washing of the disciples’ feet (13:1-17)

## Prepare your people for change

### Preparing His disciples for His death (14:1-14)

# Dealing with bad news and change

## Elizabeth Kübler-Ross, 1969, 5 stages of grief

### Shock, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance

#### How do you help someone through it?

## Do not let your hearts be troubled

### Jesus is not saying ‘don’t feel the pain’

#### He asks for trust

## He gives them hope in the change

### He gives them the benefits of His going away and answers their fears

# Objections to change

## I don’t understand why things have to change (Thomas)

### My going secures your future (2-6)

#### Thomas – ‘I don’t get it’

##### ‘I am the way, the truth and the life’

### It will be worth it!

## We’re not ready (Philip)

### My going completes my revelation of the Father

#### He’s not as you think

### There’s a way back for all and there’s a cross for the totally obedient

### You’re not ready… but you will be

# Jesus brings hope

## You will receive the Holy Spirit

## You will understand

### Love is the motivating force

## I will return

### The going away is for you to shine

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The troubled heart

## The answer to a troubled heart is trust

### How far do you agree with this statement?

### Does it only work in matters of faith?

# I am the way, the truth and the life

## This is one of the ‘I am’ statements in John

### What is your understanding of this famous verse?

### How has it helped on your journey of faith?

## Is Jesus being unreasonable or exclusive in saying He is the only way of access to the Father?

### How do you understand this?

### What implications does this have on other religions?

#### Does this mean that other religions contain no truth?

##### Explain your answer

#### How can we teach this claim without becoming arrogant or dismissive of other paths in the world?

### What assurances does it offer the Christian?

# The test of faith

## In v12 there is a claim that those with faith in Christ will do the same things as Him

### What is your experience of this?

### In what ways have you copied Jesus in your works and witness?

### In what ways have you seen greater works than those of Jesus?

### Does Jesus do ‘whatever you ask’?

#### Explain how you understand these verses in the light of your experience

# The test of love

## In v15 Jesus says that the test of love is obedience

### How far do you agree with this?

### How do you see obedience in this context?

### If your children disobey you does that imply that they do not love you?

# The Holy Spirit (16)

## Is the Holy Spirit guaranteed to every believer?

### How do you know that you have the Holy Spirit?