

GESTURES

FOLLOWING JESUS IN SIMPLE WAYS

Gestures—Week Two: Fingers Crossed

Connect

Make a list of ten differences between men and women. Which one is the most noteworthy difference, in your opinion?

Grow

1. Hundreds of millions have been spent trying to stave off death. What exactly do we fear about death? Why do you think we fear each of the aspects you listed?
2. **Read John 14:1-3.** Jesus is telling His followers to not get upset just because He's going to go to be with the Father. How do His words give us encouragement in the face of death?
3. "God gives us a family that loves us like we've never been loved before." How does that change our perspective on both life and death? What do you think makes the biggest difference?
4. **Read John 14:4-6.** "Not all roads lead to Heaven. Grace is inclusive. Truth is exclusive." So what does Jesus say is the way to the Father? Who is welcome to enter through this door? What stands out to you about your answers to those two questions?
5. "Heaven is the Father's gift for you. Getting you to Heaven is Jesus' gift for you." Review the ABC's Jon talked about. (**A**dmit you need Jesus, **B**elieve in Him and His sacrifice, **C**onfess Jesus is Lord of your life, **D**emonstrate by the way you live that your life has been changed.) Tell about how you followed this pattern of responding to God's invitation. Or, if you haven't, would you like to do that today with your group? If so, stop and do that right now!

Pray

Jon said, "Jesus did more than tell you that He loved you. He died for you. He proved His love for you. And all He asks in return is that you go public with your love for Him." Pray and ask God to help your life reflect the truth of what He did for you, and for Him to bless the step you've taken to believe and follow Him.

Next

You've been welcomed into the family of God. Brainstorm a list of three things you can do now that you're part of His Kingdom to demonstrate that you belong to Him. Which of those three feel like they would be easiest to implement right away? Set a goal to do that one thing in the next week as you pray for God to help you.