

Get Away True North

1. Introduction and Welcome

- Emphasizes the importance of having guiding principles to stay grounded.
- Introduces the concept of principles vs. rules, both in families and organizations.

2. Core Value Highlight: We Play the Bench

- At Tab, this core value is about raising up the next generation of leaders.
- Vacation Bible School is an example of investing in emerging leaders.
- Through VBS, kids learn truths like trusting Jesus and forming their identity in Him.

3. The Need for a True North

- Life can be chaotic—what keeps us grounded?
- Jesus is our “True North,” the foundation of identity for all generations.
- Jesus not only models truth and life but dies to make them accessible to us.

4. Scripture Focus: John 14:1-7

- Context: Jesus shares these words before His crucifixion, during intense emotional moments.
- Three commands in verse 1:
 1. Don't let your heart be troubled
 2. Believe in God
 3. Believe also in Jesus
- Emphasis on relational trust in God through belief in Jesus.

5. Jesus Prepares a Place (John 14:2-4)

- Jesus, our servant King, is preparing a place for each believer.
- Assurance that we belong and will be brought to our eternal home.
- Jesus is both the preparer and the escort to that eternal place.

6. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:5-7)

- Thomas voices uncertainty, Jesus responds with clarity.
- Jesus uses the definite article “the” to emphasize exclusivity:
 - The way
 - The truth
 - The life
- Salvation isn’t based on good works or performance—it’s through Jesus alone.

7. The Significance of “The Way”

- Illustration: Multiple roads from North Carolina, but only one road to salvation.
- The exclusivity of Christ is not narrow-minded, it’s merciful clarity.
- God’s love is shown in giving a clear, singular path—Jesus.

8. Knowing the Father Through Jesus

- Jesus fully reveals the Father to us.
- If we’ve seen Jesus, we’ve seen God.
- We grow in relationship with God by obeying Scripture and yielding to the Spirit.

9. Application and Encouragement

- Children showed us this week what it looks like to pursue Jesus with joy.
- When life feels directionless, return to John 14:1-7.
- Ask God to help with unbelief (Mark 9:24).
- Promises to hold onto:
 1. Jesus is preparing a place for us.
 2. Jesus will ensure we arrive.
 3. Jesus is the way to truth and life.
 4. If we’ve seen Jesus, we’ve seen the Father.
 5. Jesus is our faithful North Star.

10. Invitation to Respond

- Jesus offers the gift of salvation, but we must accept it.
- No complex formula—just humility, repentance, and trust.
- Invitation for people to come forward for prayer and decision.
- Final reminder: God invites all, but there is only one way—Jesus.