



## Questions:

1. What stood out for you from John 14: 1-9? How have your ideas about this familiar passage changed over time?

2. Do you think that convergence is pointing as a single, unifying concept or something more complex? Bruce said, "It's not about picking teams." What does that mean for Christians and for the church?

3. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus? If so, what is it like? How does it differ from what people familiar with the popular use of that phrase might expect?

4. In what ways is our relationship with Jesus communal? In what ways is it personal? How are the two necessary to a deeper spirituality?

**EPISODE TITLE:** "What the Hell Are You Doing In Church?"

The Great Convergence, Episode 4

## Featured Guest: Bruce Reyes-Chow

Most of his adult life, Bruce was a congregational pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2008 he was elected Moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the highest elected office of the 2 million member denomination. Now Bruce is a blogger, author, event speaker, church consultant and leadership coach. He has written two books: *The Definitive-ish Guide for Using Social Media in the Church* (Shookfoil Books, 2012) and *But I Don't See You as Asian: Curating Conversations about Race* (Kickstarter, 2013). He believes that society and the church are strengthened by talking about such issues as: denominationalism and the future church; faith and technology; race and politics, parenting, urban living, etc.

## Pneuma Divina Scripture: John 14: 1-9a

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'

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