



Is Jesus Really the Only Way to God? – Week Two

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

During today's message in the *Tough Questions* series, Pastor Steve answers another difficult question many of us have. Week Two of the series explores Christianity and asks the question: *Is Jesus Really the Only Way to God?*

Discussion Questions

There are many misconceptions about religion, faith, and Christianity in general. Even Christians find it challenging to explain why Christianity is different from other religions.

- How have you heard Jesus described by non-believers?
- How would you describe Jesus to someone who has never heard of Him?

The Only Way

One of our missions as Christians is to lead and point others to Jesus Christ. It is difficult for us to do this if we think Christ is not the only way for people to be saved and to reconcile with God.

John 14:5-6 reads, *Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

- What comes to mind when you hear Jesus' declarations about Himself?

Two Myths about Religion and Christianity:

Myth #1: All religions are basically the same.

This myth lures people into a false belief that all religions lead to the one, true God. In truth, Christianity can't be reconciled with any other religion. Moreover, it is philosophically, physically, and realistically impossible for both Christianity and other religions to be equally true.

- **Acts 4:12** reads, *Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.* Why is this claim so important? How might this be a difficult statement for people to hear?

- We don't have to feel timid about professing that Christianity is different from other religions. Jesus Himself declared this!
- What most sets Christianity apart from other beliefs?

Myth #2: All religions have equal claims on the truth.

All religions have a leader or founder to whom its followers aspire to be like or please. Jesus Christ has three unique credentials that other religious leaders do not possess.

Three Credentials of Christ

1. Jesus fulfilled biblical prophecy.

Jesus fulfilled all of the 48 major biblical prophecies concerning the Messiah. The fulfillment of biblical prophecy is God's signature and stamp. No other religion can boast of any consistent or specific prophecy that has come to completion.

- Why do you think biblical prophecy exists?
- **Read Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:1** for a messianic prophecy of the Old Testament that was later revealed in the New Testament.

2. Jesus demonstrated unprecedented character.

Jesus is a Savior who has been tempted, yet He has never sinned. **2 Corinthians 5:21:** *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

- Why was it important that Jesus be without sin?

3. Jesus rose from the dead.

All religious leaders and founders have died, but only one has died, come back to life, and is still alive today: Jesus!

- What is the significance of the resurrection of Christ?

Life Challenge

Meditate this week on the following scripture on how to be saved and reconciled to God.

- **Romans 10:9-10**...*that if you confess with your mouth that the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Prayer

Father, thank You for all that You have done for us. Lord, give us the confidence and boldness to proudly proclaim that You are the only way to be saved. Remind us that it is true and correct for us to share that Jesus is the only name by which men can be saved.

Pray for the specific needs of the group.