

Study Guide Questions

Series: Asking For a Friend

Message: Is There Only One Way to God?

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ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:15 ... in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...

- When discussing your faith with others, have you ever encountered someone who believes that all religions are equal? That there are many roads to the same “God”? How have you responded to this critique?
- Do you have friends who are of a faith other than Christianity? How can we best engage these friends about the truth and message of Jesus Christ?

1. Jesus is God

- Read **Hebrews 1:1-4**, **Philippians 2:5-11**, **Exodus 3:14**, and **John 8:58**. What is the significance of Jesus being God?
- In what way is Jesus the ultimate word of God?
- Even though Jesus would have had the power to do so, we don't see Him acting like a superhero. What do you think this says about God and the purpose of Jesus' life?

2. Jesus' Atoning Death

- Read **Romans 5:6-11**. Why was Jesus' death necessary for us to have a relationship with God?

- When speaking with non-believers about Jesus, how much emphasis do you put behind the concept of atonement?
- Read **Romans 5:1-2** and **Ephesians 2:8-10**. Why do you think so many people believe that a person can earn their way into heaven?
- Does being a Christian mean that, since we are not saved by good works, they are not important to our faith? How do you balance the tension between a saving faith and living a life filled with good works?

3. Jesus Rose from the Dead

- Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**. What is the connection between the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the dead that everyone will experience after Christ's return?

4. Grace

- Read **Romans 3:21-26** and **1 Corinthians 15:9-11**. How have you experienced this grace in your life? How can you use your experience and biblical truth to impact others?
- Paul, who persecuted the Church and killed followers of "The Way," was shown grace and it impacted his life's trajectory. Who do you know that is far from God? How can the Gospel message of grace be impactful for others?
- What areas in your life do you still carry a burden of past sins? What do you need to do to turn that burden over to God and experience His grace?

