Do All Religions Say the Same Thing?

Introduction

We are a Come As You Are church, which means that people come from all different backgrounds—including different parts of the world and different religious backgrounds. We want to be a place where people are free to explore questions about God who are not coming from a Christian background. And if we are going to Love our Neighbor as ourself, we need to understand how to dialogue with those of different faiths—understanding them is a start, which opens doors for conversation about God. Work through the following questions on your own, and get together with your running partner, life group, or family around the dinner table and talk through your answers.

Discussion Questions

1. Are you friends with people of other religions? Why or why not? What would you need to feel comfortable having a meaningful faith dialogue with people of other religions?
2. Before hearing the message on Sunday, how would you have answered the question do all religions say the same thing?
3. Read Romans 2:14-15. What is God showing you as you read these verses?
4. Why do you think most of the world religions share a basic common morality? If so many people in the world believe in a moral code as a part of their religion, why do you think our world is so broken?
5. What was the most surprising thing you learned from the interview with the panelists in the service on Sunday? Did your answer to the question, “Do all religions say the same thing?” change after hearing the panelists? If so, how?
6. Read Acts 17:22-24. The teacher said that instead of asking which religion is right, the better question to ask is, “Has God revealed himself?” How has God revealed himself to you?
7. The teacher said, “If all our religions show us reaching for God, Jesus was God reaching for the whole world.” How do you need Jesus to show up in your life right now?
8. Pray for opportunities this week to have open dialogues with people from different religious backgrounds, and be open to promptings from the Holy Spirit. Who do you need to be praying for?

Key Scriptures

Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts. Romans 2:14-15 (NLT)

“Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about. He is the God who made the world and everything in it.” Acts 17:22-24 (NLT)

Digging Deeper

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In confidence, we can share the evidence for our faith. “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Pet 3:15 NIV) To deepen your insights as you work through these questions, check out the resources at: http://lifegroup.gatewaychurch.com/be-transformed/outreach/