

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals

"Is Jesus the Only Way to God?" January 17-18, 2015

For Starters

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or raised questions?
2. Why do think many people today struggle with Jesus being the only way to know God?

Digging In

1. Look at John 14:1-7. What is the setting and the context for this interaction between Jesus and His disciples?
2. How does the setting and context of the passage shed light on how we should understand Jesus saying "I am the way, the truth, and the life"?
3. Read John 14:7. What claim is Jesus making about himself and how it relates to knowing God as Father?
4. Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6. What do these verses show about the person of Jesus and the heart of God for all people?

Bringing It Home

1. How does Jesus say you come to know and be accepted by God? And how is that different from what other religions claim about how you come to know and be accepted by God?
2. What difference do these two approaches to knowing God make in how we live our lives?
3. The gospel should create the most inclusive community imaginable even as it makes exclusive truth claims about who Jesus is. How does the gospel accomplish this?
4. How can we live as people of 'the way' who are full of conviction and yet radically humble and loving?

Resources

Tim Keller, *The Reason for God*
Ravi Zacharais, *Jesus Among other Gods*
Eugene Peterson, *The Jesus Way*

"There comes a moment when people who have been dabbling in religion ('man's search for God!') suddenly draw back. Supposing we really found Him? We never meant it to come to that! Worse still, supposing He had found us?"

— C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

Adopt a Teacher Tip Week #14 Surprise your teacher with a pick-me-up coffee on a Friday afternoon or Monday morning! A little surprise and encouragement can go a long way! Contact Karrah for more information at kmesser@doorcreekchurch.org

Life Groups: Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you're interested in joining a Life Group or learning more, contact Deb at dmiller@doorcreekchurch.org