



Reasons

SESSION 1 - IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY?

SERIES BIG IDEA

Even when facing big questions that don't have easy answers, we can find solid reasons to move forward in faith, believing that the message of Christianity is true.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Salvation can only be found in the grace offered to us through Jesus; and that truth should make Christ-followers the most inclusive, reconciling, agents of peace the world has ever seen.

SCRIPTURE JOHN 14:1-7

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

ICE BREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

1. When driving to work, school, or your usual stores, do you tend to follow the same route every time? Or do you mix it up? Why?

BIBLE DISCUSSION

2. Read John 14:1-7. What stood out to you? What struck you?
3. What was Jesus getting at in this passage? Summarize it in your own words.
4. Why do you think Jesus says he is the way rather than a way or one way? What other Bible passages talk about this?

LIFE APPLICATION

5. How do you respond to the idea that Jesus is the only way to salvation? Excited, nervous, doubtful, angry, or something else entirely?
6. Do you think God is being unfairly exclusive? Why or why not?
7. If you have chosen to follow Jesus, how has that altered your life?
8. As people who know what it's like to receive God's grace, Christians should be the most inclusive, love dispensing, reconciling agents of peace on the planet. What do you think might happen if we truly lived up to this vision?

CHALLENGE

Jesus, not only made his way to us, but he made a way for us, and he invites us to trust him as the way to God. There are good reasons to put your faith in him. Jesus being the only Way is not meant to exclude anyone; it's meant to be the way for everyone to be included. If you haven't chosen to follow Jesus, what's holding you back?