

Is Jesus the Only Way to God? John 14:6

Discussion Questions September 10, 2017

- 1. Have you had anyone tell you that it's wrong to claim that Jesus Christ is the only way a person can have a relationship with God? Why do you think they said this?
- 2. Read the following verses together. After each, write down what it says about Jesus being the only way to truly know God.
 - John 14:6:
 - Acts 4:12:
 - 1 Timothy 2:5:
- 3. What are your initial reactions to reading these verses?
- 4. In the sermon, Tim talked about how we need to frame our belief that "Jesus is the only way" in the right way. We shouldn't be thinking of a "Keep out" mentality; rather, we should have a "Come with me if you want to live" mentality. With this in mind, respond to the following two questions:
 - Summarize the difference between these two approaches ("keep out" vs. "come with me if you want to live") in your own words.
 - How does seeing what Jesus says as "come with me if you want to live" influence the way you read these verses?
- 5. Some people struggle with believing that Jesus is the only way, because they think "all religions basically teach the same thing" or "it's wrong for you to say another person's religion isn't true." Why isn't it possible for two religious beliefs to both be true? (For example, why can't you say that what a Muslim or a Hindu or a Scientologist believes is true AND what a Christian believes is true? Why must one of those people be wrong in what they believe?)
- 6. As we believe the biblical teaching that Jesus is the only way to truly know God, how do we show care for and respect to others who believe different things even if we can't affirm or endorse everything they believe?
- 7. How does believing that Jesus is the only way provide urgency to share the gospel with others?
- 8. Challenge: Memorize John 14:6: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."