



AREN'T ALL RELIGIONS THE SAME?

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Today, more and more people have a deep need for connection with God, yet there is a growing number of people who do not identify with organized religion. There's a movement toward identifying with being spiritual but not religious, and with that idea comes the belief that all religions lead to the same God. But do they?

Pastor Tyler's goal for this message was to show that there is no possible way Hinduism, Islam and Christianity all lead to God. Hinduism says that everything, through right living and reincarnation, has the potential of becoming a god. Islam claims that the impersonal, detached Allah is god. For these followers, salvation must be earned and there is no assurance in this lifetime.

1. **READ Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8 and 10:9-10.** Discuss what the Scriptures tell us about the promise of salvation.
2. **READ Jeremiah 14:14, 23:16; Matthew 7:15, 24:11.** How does scripture prepare us for false teaching?
3. **READ 1 John 4:1-6.** How should followers of Christ respond to false teaching?

Popular culture places great emphasis on being tolerant of one another's differences. **READ Proverbs 10:31-32, 11:30, 17:14, 18:19, and 22:11.** How can a follower of Christ alienate or reconcile those whose beliefs differ from their own?

5. What are some ways you can sharpen your abilities to test the authenticity of spiritual teaching?
6. Before Jesus ascended to heaven to take his place with his Father, He gave us one last command (Matthew 28:18-20). How will others know we are followers of the one true God (1 Peter 3:16; 1 John 5:1-15)?

CHALLENGE: Scripture warns us to beware of false prophets and teaching. We can guard ourselves by knowing the truth, reading our Bibles daily, attending church weekly, and meeting with other believers regularly. Christians are called to reach others with the truth of God's love and his free gift of salvation. We can do this by demonstrating God's love through our actions, building relationships with the lost, and guiding others on the one path to God.

MEMORIZE: *Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.* John 14:6