

## Why God?

*Can there really be just one true religion?*

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scripture

*“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” – John 3:36 (ESV)*

*““Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:1-6 (ESV)*

*“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” – Acts 4:12 (ESV)*

*“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” – 1 John 5:12 (ESV)*

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### Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What’s an example of something that can be done a number of different ways, depending on personal preference?
- What’s an example of something that can only be done one way.

### Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read John 14:1-6. Where is Jesus going and what is He preparing?
- Read Acts 4:12 and 1 John 5:12. How are we saved? Are there multiple options or must it be “done” a certain way?

### Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Jesus is the only one who has atoned for sin and risen from the grave. How do you feel when you hear Jesus say He is the only way to salvation? How is this counter-cultural?
- While many people might say that heaven is a mountain that can be summited from many different religious paths, Dan Kimball makes that point that each religious system of thought actually leads you up separate mountains. Can you identify the main differences between Salvation through Jesus and what other religions say?
- How do you think this idea of all paths lead to heaven came about? Does it bring comfort or cause more problems?

### Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Discuss around the dinner table or over coffee: How can we winsomely proclaim truth around this topic without being jerks?
- In your own life, is there any way in which you’re blending in elements of other religious systems that are incompatible with the Gospel? How can you recognize Jesus as the only way in your everyday life?

### Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

### Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How’s your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.