"Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?" Asking for a Friend Series Discussion Questions

- 1. What is pluralism? What is relativism? How have both of those affected how our culture views religion and salvation?
 - Does our culture's love for making our own choices influence this as well? If so, how?
 - Can you give some examples?
 - Why is the "all religions are essentially different paths on the same mountain" such an accepted idea?
 - How do people popularly understand Christianity?

2. Read John 14:1-6.

- What is Jesus saying in vv. 1-4?
- What is Thomas' question? What prompts him to ask it?
- What is Jesus' response and what does it tell us about how Jesus sees himself when it comes to salvation?
 - Does kind of claim does this seem to be? What does Jesus say that leads you to your conclusion?
 - O Why would Jesus be so exclusionary?

3. Read Acts 4:12 and 1 Timothy 2:5.

- What conclusions did Peter (in Acts) and Paul (in 1 Timothy) conclude about Jesus and salvation?
- What stands out to you about these verses?

4. Read Eph. 2:8-9. What does the Bible tell us about the gospel that sets Christianity apart from other religions?

- What about the gospel of Jesus strikes against the prevalent understanding people have of religions in general?
- How can we communicate the uniqueness of the gospel of grace without coming across as arrogant to our unbelieving friends?
- How can we leverage the good news of Jesus' merit on our behalf (and our inability to merit salvation) with our unbelieving friends?
- 5. Which of the gospel identities does this most touch upon (citizen, family, missionary) and how can we as a small group encourage each other in living out this identity in our everyday life?