

Our **Virtual**

# PowerGroup

Unanswered Questions  
Week 3 Study

## Icebreaker

What is your "heaven on earth?" i.e. a dessert, a food, a drink, etc.

### Passage 1 Matthew 1:22-23

"Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which translated means, 'God with us.'"

#### **Are there multiple ways to heaven?**

We are all on different roads traveling in the same direction.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

*If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." John 14:7*

#### **THREE DISTINCTIONS OF CHRISTIANITY!**

**Distinction 1: The Incarnation sets us apart from every other religions.**

**Definition of Incarnation:** A Living form embodying a deity or spirit.

Christianity is God **reaching out to us**, verses us **reaching out to God**.

**Reflection** Christianity is less about you finding God, and more about God finding you!  
Do you agree with the above quote by Pastor Chris?

### Passage 2 Psalm 145:18-19

Psalm 145:18-19 tells us, "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

**Reflection** Christianity is the only religion that teaches that God came to us!  
Do you remember a time where God found you?

### Passage 3 Ephesians 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast."

**Distinction 2: Substitutionary atonement sets us apart from other religions.**

**Reflection** What is the importance in knowing that our salvation is a gift from God?

### Passage 4 2 Corinthians 5:21 | Isaiah 53:4-10

"It firstly tells us that without Christ we are doomed. It secondly tells us that we have been given a gift. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth" Isaiah 53:4-10

Other religions say DO but Christianity says DONE !

Christianity is less about what **you can do for God**, and more about what **God has done for you!**

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*  
Romans 6:23

**Reflection** Have you ever been made or made someone a scapegoat in a particular situation? Share if you'd like.

### Passage 5 John 1:29

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

**Reflection** How does it make you feel that Jesus willingly made himself our scapegoat?

### Passage 6 Matthew 28:6

"We are reminded of this truth: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

## Passage 6 Matthew 28:6

**Distinction 3: The Resurrection sets us apart from all other religions.**

Jesus' resurrection proves that **He is who He says** He is and that **He is alive**.

*"I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." Revelation 1:18*

**Reflection** Why does Jesus resurrection set us apart from other religions?  
What is the importance of the resurrection?

*Back it up... John 2:22, Psalms 16:10, 1 Th. 4:13-14, 1 Cor. 15:3-4*

## Application

***If we really believe...***

Why are we not sharing the gospel?

We are not saying Christianity is the best way , we are saying that Christianity is the only way.

*"How much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate someone to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?" -Penn Jillette*

**PowerGroup Challenge:**

We are quick to share how great a product, movie or book is. Let's be as enthusiastic in sharing the gospel with the world without shame.

*Back it up... Romans 10:13-15*

## Journal