

THE 7 BIG QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Session Four:

Is Christianity Too Narrow?

1. Opener / Icebreaker

- Share about a time you wanted to be part of something “exclusive” but were left out (sports team, friend group, job opportunity, club, etc.).
- What emotions come with being on the outside looking in?
- Can you think of something that was exclusive but for a good reason (like safety, qualifications, or truth)?

2. Scripture Exploration

Read John 14:1-11

- What is the difference between Jesus saying “I am the way” versus “I will show you the way”?
- How does this challenge the idea that all religions lead to the same place?

Read Matthew 7:13-14

- Why do you think Jesus described the way to life as “narrow”?
- How do we balance that with God’s wide invitation?

Read Acts 4:11-12 & 1 Timothy 2:5-6

- What words or phrases stand out that emphasize Jesus as the only way?
- Why do you think exclusivity can feel offensive in matters of faith?

3. Truth Claims & Culture

The sermon said, "All truth claims are exclusive by nature." Do you agree? Why or why not?

How would you respond to someone who says, "All religions basically teach the same thing"?

What's the danger in believing "there is no absolute truth"?

4. Illustration Reflection

In the cruise ship story, the child in the ocean had no way to save herself.

How does that illustrate our spiritual reality?

What's the difference between Jesus being a rescuer vs. a life coach?

The heart transplant example: why is it actually good news that there's only one cure?

5. Personal Application

Have you personally trusted Jesus as your way, truth, and life?

If someone asked you, "Is Christianity too narrow?" how would you answer after hearing this message?

How can we extend God's wide invitation in our everyday lives?

6. Gospel Invitation

Read John 3:16-17 & 2 Peter 3:9.

How do these verses show God's heart toward the world?

Who in your life needs to hear the invitation right now? What's one step you can take this week?

7. Prayer Time

Thank God for sending Jesus to rescue us when we were helpless.

Pray for boldness to share the truth about Jesus with grace.

Pray for specific people by name who need to respond to God's invitation