

IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Name as many religions as you can think of as a class. How much do you know about each of these religions? Share what you know about the leaders, beliefs and practices of each of these religions. What are some good beliefs and practices? What beliefs and practices would be difficult for you to accept?

Read John 14:6. What do you think or feel about this statement of Jesus? Why do you think He said it? Do you believe Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father? Why or why not? If not, what does this say about the claims of Christianity?

How would you respond to someone who feels it is arrogant for Christians to say Jesus is the only way to God? What does this say about religious tolerance? Can you show religious tolerance and still disagree with someone? How? What is to be our attitude to those who believe differently than we do?

What about people who were raised to believe differently and never heard of Jesus? What about friends and family members who are good, decent people, and practice other religions or believe in other gods? Are they wrong? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 11:2-6. How is Jesus' response an answer to John the Baptist's question? What do people see and hear today that points to Jesus as the Son of God?

Read Matthew 16:13-16. What is the significance of Peter's confession? How did Jesus feel about Peter saying these things about Him?

One common thread in many religions is that if you are good enough (perform all the expected rights, do the works of a religious person, do no harm to others) you will find God. How is this concept different from the understanding of salvation in the Christian faith? How does this relate to earning our way to God?

How would your faith and life be different if you believed there are many ways to God? How would your faith and life be different if you believed Jesus is the only way to God?