

WHY IS THERE ONLY ONE WAY TO GOD?

STUDY NOTES for this Discussion

KEY VERSE

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **JOHN 14:6**



OPENING How would you answer this: *If a good man is refused heaven and a bad one let in because of a technicality in church law, that doesn't speak well of God.* - Roger Ebert tweet

DISCUSS THE WORD - Read **John 14:1-11** and discuss

1. What does our culture most often mean by the words *truth*, *ways to God*, and *life/salvation*? How do these compare and contrast with what Jesus is saying about those same words and Himself here?
2. What does Jesus say about who He uniquely is and what He exclusively does in the following:
 - *Believe in God; believe also in me.* (v.1)
 - *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.* (v.3)
 - *Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.* (v.9)
 - *Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.* (v.11)

APPLY THE WORD

1. In your own words, how would answer someone who asks, "*Why is there only one way to God? Isn't that too exclusive? What about people who sincerely follow another religion like Islam or Buddhism, or their own path to heaven? How is that just?*" What illustrations/explanations could you use to explain 14:6 to friends who think one way to God is too exclusive?
2. Why do you think the people you know are so troubled by the exclusivity of salvation (and truth, life, etc.) being in Christ alone? How could you share with them the radical inclusivity of Jesus?