

WHY JESUS?

Discussing Truth in a postmodern world

HEAD



1. Where do we go to understand?

-Search the scripture-

- Genesis 12:1-3
- John 1:14, 16-18
- John 14:6
- Romans 10:13-17
- Romans 1:19-20
- Colossians 1:15-20

HEART



2. What questions does this cause you to ask?

-Acknowledge the struggle-

- Am I intolerant for believing in Jesus?
- Are we sure there's only one right way? Have I found it?
- Do I know enough about Jesus to say that He is *the only way*?
- Is believing in Jesus arrogant?
- Is God going to refuse genuine worshippers, even if they've never heard the name of Jesus?
- Other

How do the scriptures above help as you wrestle through your questions?

-Invite the Spirit into the mystery-

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What Chapel Hill's pastors have understood in our wrestling:

Jesus has said of himself that he is the only way— “I am *the* Way, *the* Truth, and *the* Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Jesus’ words confront our modern world with the narrow fact of the nature of truth: Truth is a person, and only by following Jesus can anyone pursue what is true.

HANDS

3. How can we talk about this with others?

-Practice the conversation-



- Your friend wants you to go to India with them to experience the Buddhist faith, visiting temples, praying with shaman, and spending a day in meditation. Do you go?
- Your brother believes in God and thinks Jesus is pretty good. He doesn't understand, though, why you keep insisting that genuine spiritual people who don't believe in Jesus aren't pursuing a true God. What does your conversation sound like?

Your child is studying world religions in college. The professor says that it's by studying the plurality of religions that we see in the common threads what is really true of the divine. Now your child wants to go and experience God with this professor in a semester abroad. How do you respond?

4. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Holy Spirit, show us who Jesus is. Let us pause long enough from you to hear the answer to the question, "What is truth?" Remind us of your love when we struggle with your exclusivity. Remind us of your blessing going out into all the world when we desire that our faith would be move inclusive. Send us to be the ones who speak the Truth so that all might hear and know who you are. Particularly we pray for those in our lives who do not yet know you as the Way, the Truth, and the Life: [pray for those in your life who need Jesus]. In Jesus' name, Amen.