

Sunday, August 7th, 2011

## MYTH BUSTERS

### Today's Study: Is it true that there are many valid paths to God?

### Going Deeper: questions for discussion with family, friends, Life Group, or for personal reflection.

#### Sunday Review:

Reflecting on this week's message from the Word, what challenged you the most? Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before? Was there anything that you still do not understand? (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions.)

- Does the Bible teach that God is exclusive? (Acts 10:34-35, Rev 22:7)
- Read Romans 10:9-13, Romans 5, 9,10, Acts 4:12,16:30, John 10:9. What does the bible say we need to be saved?
  - What does it mean to believe in Jesus? What does it require? (John 3:16-18, Acts 4:12, John 14:6)
  - What did the thief on the cross have to believe to be saved? (Luke 23:39-43)
  - Read Romans 10:13, Acts 2:21, Joel 2:32. What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord?
- Why is it not possible for Christianity and other religions to all be true?
- Christianity is considered intolerant because it says there is only one way to God. Try to think of an area in life where there is only one solution to problem. Is that consider intolerant or narrow minded? Why not? How, if at all, is Christianity different than that?
- What is unique about Christianity's approach to God? List as many

### Resources for further study:

(The following resources are offered to help you think through this issue. The provision of this list does not imply the full support of everything you may read on these sites or in these books.)

#### Books:

- Copan, Paul (2009) *True for You but not for Me*, Parts 3-5
- Copan, Paul (2008) *When God Goes to Starbucks*, Chapter 7
- Craig, William Lane (2008) *Reasonable Faith*, Chapter 1, (In church library)
- Keller, Timothy (2008) *The Reason for God*, Chapter 1 (in church library in audiobook)
- Moreland & Craig, (2003) *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian World-view*, Chapter 31.
- Netland, Harold (2001) *Encountering Religious Pluralism: The Challenge to Christian Faith & Mission*
- Strobel, Lee (2000) *The Case for Faith*, Chapter 5 (in church library)
- Thiessen, Terry (2004) *Who Can Be Saved?*
- Zacharias, Ravi (2000) *Jesus Among Other Gods*

#### Website Articles:

- <http://www.reasonablefaith.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=5347> -- Wm L Craig, "How Can Christ be the Only Way to God?"
- <http://www.theologynetwork.org/christian-beliefs/jesus-christ/postmodernism-and-the-uniqueness-of-christ.htm> ;
- <http://www.theologynetwork.org/world-religions/getting-stuck-in/the-uniqueness-of-jesus-christ.htm>
- <http://www.theologynetwork.org/world-religions/starting-out/christian-uniqueness-pluralism-and-the-theology-of-religions.htm>. -- annotated bibliography at the end of this essay.
- <http://apologiabyhendrikvanderbreggen.blogspot.com/search/label/Blind%20Men%20and%20the%20Elephant> – Hendrik van der Breggen, "The Blind Men and the Elephant" (APOLOGIA, The Carillon, January 29, 2009)

#### Prayer Items:

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