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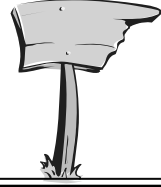
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The Big Questions

Is Christianity Really the Only Way?

part 4



1. Let _____

2. Realize _____

3. Be _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. In what ways have you heard the “everyone is right when it come to religious beliefs” idea being promoted in our culture?

What would happen if you adopted the popular Sunday philosophy that “everyone is right regardless of whether they disagree” in your Monday through Friday work environment? In what ways would that mentality not cut it with your boss, your clients, or your company's shareholders?

2. Describe a common, non-religious situation in which you were sincere, but wrong, and suffered some painful consequence as the result of acting on your wrong belief. In other words, how have you experienced that sincerity without the truth is never adequate?
3. In what way are those who accuse Christianity of being intolerant contradicting their own philosophy of tolerance? What is the only *kind* of truth our culture is seemingly willing to tolerate?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ps. 89-90 & Mt. 14

Monday

Ps. 91-93 & Mt. 15

Tuesday

Ps. 94-95 & Mt. 16

Wednesday

Ps. 96-98 & Mt. 17

Thursday

Ps. 99-101 & Mt. 18

Friday

Ps. 102-103 & Mt. 19

Saturday

Ps. 104-105 & Mt. 20

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