

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVOTION ~ IS CHRIST THE ONLY WAY?

KEY VERSE:

“Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6)

ILLUSTRATION:

The youth pastor had just finished delivering his talk on the uniqueness of Jesus Christ based on John 14:6. Feeling good about the depth and delivery of his talk, he dismissed the youth group for the evening with an encouraging word.

A small group of students, however, remained seated on the floor with expressions of concern on their faces. They looked nervously at one another to see who would speak for the group. Finally, one of the girls spoke up.

“We have trouble accepting some of the stuff you said tonight, “ she said. “You said that Jesus is the only way to God and to salvation, but we think you’re being too narrow-minded. Why do you think He is the only way? What’s to say that Hindus or Buddhists or Muslims aren’t the ones who really are tuned in to God? For that matter, how do you know that they’re not *all* right in their own way? Don’t you think it’s kind of arrogant to say that Christians have cornered the market on truth? Besides, maybe the only reason we’re Christians in the first place is because we were born in a country where Christianity is the main religion.”

The other students nodded in agreement as the girl spoke. After she had finished, they all looked at the youth pastor and waited for him to respond.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever had some of the same questions that this group of students asked?
2. Is it possible for all religions to be equally true or equally valid? Why or why not?
3. What influence does a person’s culture have on what religion he or she will adopt?
4. What conclusions about other religions can you draw from what Jesus said in John 14:6?
5. Is Jesus narrow-minded? Explain your answer

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

John 6:66-68

Acts 16:30-31

1 Corinthians 3:11

1 Timothy 2:3-6

1 John 4:14, 2:23; 5:11-12