

World Religions and The Bible

CULTS GALORE
1ST JOHN 4:1-6
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Title: World Religions & The Bible: Cults Galore
Text: 1st John 4:1-6

Kick Starters...

1. Think back...what kept you and what is keeping others from coming to know Christ in their lives?
2. Read Jesus' purpose in John 18:37 together—what does it mean to be 'of the truth' in your life?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. Religion is everywhere around us. List a few significant differences between being in a religion versus being in a personal relationship with God?
5. If you came from a world religion prior to knowing Christ, what do you see now that you did not see then?
6. We all act on what we believe. Have you ever believed something wrongly? If so, what happened?
7. Matt. 16:36-37 are strong words. Please read them. For any doubter today, what if Jesus' words are true as it relates to us sharing the saving Gospel?
8. Why should I believe Christianity is true? What are the evidences before us today? (hint: OT prophecies, Incarnation, Resurrections, transformed life, historical evidence e.g., Dead Sea Scrolls).
9. Please read Isa. 46:8-10 together. How do these verses speak to God's ongoing work and our understanding of what he will ultimately accomplish?

Execute the text

10. How will your week ahead be impacted by the confidence we have in the truth of God's Word?

I. Introduction

Our working definition of a cult: Any professing religion which adds, subtracts, multiples, or divides from the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

II. Drive-Up Religion

- a. Religion is readily available
- b. Denying God does not change the truth

III. Determining Truth's Importance

- a. In regarding to eternity, truth is critical
- b. Rejecting the truth does not change the truth

IV. Christianity Claims Truth

- a. Historical consistency of Messianic prophecy
- b. Evidence is overwhelming

V. Conclusion

Our objectivity needs to be remanded with our commitment. God is not afraid of our investigation into His Word since he is the author of truth itself. Let's give serious, adult consideration to the Bible and watch what God does when we open our eyes and our minds to truth.