

CAN I ASK THAT?

ReCharge Wednesday Resource

PART 1

"IS JESUS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?"

- HAVE YOU EVER TALKED TO OTHER STUDENTS/FRIENDS THAT HAVE A DIFFERENT RELIGION?
- HOW DO YOU TREAT THEM AND HOW DO THEY TREAT YOU?
- HAVE YOU QUESTIONED IF JESUS IS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

READ: 1 PETER 3:15-16

- DO YOU APPROACH YOUR FRIENDS IN THIS WAY OR NOT?
- HOW WERE YOU RAISED IN YOUR FAMILY TO THINK ABOUT SALVATION AND THE DIFFERENCE AMONG RELIGIOUS FAITHS?

WHO IS JESUS?

-THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL SAYS THAT JESUS IS A SPECIFIC REAL HUMAN BEING (WHO WAS GOD IN THE FLESH). HE ENTERED OUR WORLD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONCILING ALL HUMANITY AND CREATION TO GOD.

READ: JOHN 14:1-7

- WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAYS HE IS THE "WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE"?

WHAT IS RELIGIOUS PLURALISM?

-RELIGIOUS PLURALISM GENERALLY REFERS TO THE BELIEF IN 2 OR MORE RELIGIOUS WORLD VIEWS AS BEING ACCEPTABLE OR EQUALLY VALID. ACCEPTS THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE PATHS TO GOD OR GODS.

- WHY IS THE CROSS IMPORTANT?

SO IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD? YES HE IS! AS CHRISTIANS WE BELIEVE THIS. BUT, IT STILL MEANS WE SHOULD RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

PART 2

"CAN I DO SOMETHING SO BAD GOD WON'T FORGIVE ME?"

READ: ROMANS 7:14-8:2, GALATIANS 5:17, 1 PETER 2:11, 1 JOHN 1:29

QUESTIONS:

- WHAT DO YOU THINK SIN IS? HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE IT?
- WHY DO PEOPLE SIN OR DO BAD THINGS?

(WRITING / DRAW ACTIVITY)

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU WISH YOU COULD STOP DOING, BUT DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO STOP? (HAVE THEM WRITE THIS DOWN-MAYBE APRIL CAN DRAW IT!)

READ: ACTS 7:57-8:3

SAUL WAS CHANGED WHEN HE MET JESUS-(1 TIM 1:15-16)

- WHAT STICKS OUT TO YOU FROM THIS PASSAGE?
- DID PAUL REALLY BELIEVE THAT HE WAS FORGIVEN?

CAN YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION NOW?

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO THAT IS OUTSIDE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS?

NO!!

**HE IS QUICK TO FORGIVE, BUT THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE SHOULD KEEP ON SINNING*

PART 3

"IS IT OKAY TO DOUBT GOD?"

READ: JOHN 20: 24-29

-QUESTIONS:

-HAVE YOU EVER BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT BEING A CHRISTIAN?

OR HAVE YOU HAD DOUBTS ABOUT FAITH BEFORE?

-DO YOU THINK IT IS OKAY TO DOUBT IN FAITH?

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO LET YOUR DOUBTS LEAD TO QUESTIONS THAT YOU CAN PROOVE OR FIND MORE RESEARCH TOO. READ ARTICLES, READ SUMMARIES OF BOOKS IN THE BIBLE, READ YOUR BIBLE, AND SEARCH FOR THE ANSWER!*

**PART OF THE REASON YOU MAY BE DOUBTING IN THE FIRST PLACE IS BECAUSE YOUR BELIEF IN THE PARTICULAR ISSUE/IDEA WASN'T STRONGLY ROOTED BEFORE OR WASN'T LEARNED IN THE RIGHT WAY. DON'T BE AFRAID TO CHANGE YOUR MIND IF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PROMPTING YOU TO BE ROOTED DIFFERENTLY!*

DOUBT WILL LIKELY COME TO ALL BELIEVERS AT SOME POINT IN THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH. AND POSSIBLY MORE THAN ONCE OR TWICE. THINGS HAPPEN THAT CAUSE US TO QUESTION WHAT WE BELIEVE OR HAVE BEEN TAUGHT. OR WE MIGHT BE CHALLENGED BY ANOTHER PERSON CONCERNING OUR FAITH AND OUR LACK OF AN ANSWER MIGHT LEAD TO QUESTIONING OUR FAITH.

HIDING OR SUPPRESSING DOUBT CAN LEAVE IT TO FESTER AND EVENTUALLY EXPLODE INTO UNBELIEF. BUT DOUBT CAN ALSO BE A VERY PRODUCTIVE EXPERIENCE IF ADDRESSED PROPERLY. DOUBT CAN HELP ME TO GROW IN MY FAITH AND IN MY UNDERSTANDING OF THAT FAITH.

***SO IS IT OKAY TO DOUBT?**

YES ABSOLUTELY! IT'S A PART OF OUR FAITH JOURNEYS.

WRITE DOWN SOME OF YOUR THOUGHTS BELOW: