Busting Myths

Lesson 3: There is More Than One Way to Heaven

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LESSON OBJECTIVES  
Goals

1. To introduce students to the urgency of God's great commission  
2. To give students purpose in this life to live for God and allow Him to transform them  
3. To equip students with the ability to discern clear direction in their faith through Jesus

Topics:

Believing, Deception, False Teaching, Heaven, Witnessing

Scripture Memorization

John 14:6

OPENING PRAYER (5 to 10 minutes)

GROUP BUILDING (10 minutes)

**What They Believe (Activity/Quiz)**

What Do They Believe?

A quick quiz to discover how much students know about different people and religions, and what they believe.

Topics:

Deception, False Teaching, Icebreaker

Materials:

Copy of quiz sheet for each person (Copy at end of this lesson)

Duration:

Approximately 10 minutes

What you will do during class:

Give each student a copy of the "What Do They Believe?" quiz. You can allow the students to work on their quiz individually, or you can have them divide into groups of four or five for a little competition.  
  
After a few minutes, share the correct answers with the class and see which groups or individuals answered the most questions correctly. Then move on to the discussion questions below.

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| **What Do They Believe?** (Correct answers are in **bold**)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1. What do Atheists believe in as their god?      a. Self   b. Satan   c. Science   **d. Nothing**    3. Do Satanists believe in God?     **a. Yes**   b. No   c. Maybe  5. Do Jehovah Witnesses believe in the Trinity?     a. Yes   **b. No**   c. Maybe  7. Do Evolutionists believe in Heaven/Hell?      a. Yes   **b. No**   c. Maybe | 2. Do Agnostics believe in God?     a. Yes   b. No   **c. They can't decide**  4. Does a Hindu believe in Reincarnation?               **a. Yes**   b. No   c. Maybe  6. Do Mormons believe God has a wife?     **a. Yes**   b. No   c. Maybe  8. Who is God to a New Ager?     a. Trinity   b. Everything   c. Allah   **d. Yourself** |   9. Which god do Muslims believe in?     **a. Allah**   b. Yahweh   c. Mohammed   d. Ramadan  10. What does a Buddhist believe about Jesus?       **a. Good Teacher**   b. Messiah   c. He's a lie   d. Regular person  11. What do Jews believe about Jesus?        a. Good Teacher   b. Messiah   **c. False Prophet**   d. Regular Person  12. What do "religious" people overall believe about salvation?       **a. Earned**   b. By grace   c. Given to all   d. No salvation  13.  How does a "typical" American believe you get to Heaven?       a. Through Jesus   b. By believing in God   **c. By being a good person**   d. Religion |

Discussion Questions:

1. What this test hard and confusing? Why?  
2. What was the most significant thing you learned from this quiz?  
3. Why do you believe there are so many different ideas on how one gets to Heaven?

GETTING STARTED (10 minutes)

Last week, we cracked the myth that "All Christians are Hypocrites," and within that, we had to allow God to chisel away areas of hypocrisy in which we struggle. This week we will dive into the Myth that "There is more than One Way to Heaven."  If you are like most people, you may believe that just being "good" is enough to get to Heaven. Consider these next few Questions. Open up and honestly share some of your thoughts.  
  
**General Discussion:**• Have you ever wondered if there was another way to God besides Christianity's belief in Christ? Why or why not?  
• Do you believe God will allow "good people" who have not accepted Christ into Heaven? Why or why not?  
• How can you be sure Jesus is the only way?   
• Think back to our quiz. What thoughts go through your mind when you consider the beliefs of others?

Today, we are going to take a journey in understanding "The Way" that Jesus proclaims through John's words in John 14:6. We will crack the myth that says, "All ways lead to Christ."

DIGGING IN (35 minutes)

**PART 1 - THE WAY  
  
Read John 14:1-5**  
Answer the following questions, only by a show of hands.   
  
• Have you ever sought out direction in life or purpose?  
• Have you ever done something because someone else was doing it?  
• Have you ever gotten into trouble for doing something suggested by a friend?   
  
Listen to the following stories: (Students can follow along reading these stories from their workbooks.)

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| **Drag Racing Dan** Dan was a young man who had just turned 16 and owned a 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle. He added a 454 Big Block V-8 engine, a new cam, exhaust, and slick Mickey Thompson tires to his rig. Now that is an extraordinary amount of horsepower for a 16-year-old. His father warned him strongly not to go out and drag race, because if he did, he would be in great pain from the discipline."   But who can tell a 16-year-old that parents know anything about life? Exactly! He went out with his friends and watched them race in a small town where cops never went--at least that's what his friends told him. They encouraged him and challenged him with the idea, and he didn't give in for several hours. Finally, after hearing their pleas and claims that no cops ever came out there, he decided it was time to show everyone his ridiculously awesome car. He drove up to the line next to the other young man he was going to race. Stomping on the pedals, they roared their engines and let the exhaust fumes rise--and to their dismay, within seconds, the cops came flying in. He was caught and taken to jail where he had to make the traumatic call to his father. |

**Discussion Questions:**1. Was this young man smart or not so smart for participating? Why?  
2. What was the point or moral of this story? *(Just because everyone is doing it or following a certain way does not make it right.)*   
You see, we have direction built into our hearts but we get lost when searching for the "true way." Instead, we find "worldly" things. Check out this next story of a "religious" person.

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| **Religious Rick** Rick is a very religious person. If you ever met him, you would know this to be true. He believes that going to church, attending youth group, and claiming there is a God is what keeps him on the "nice list." He was raised in a family that prided themselves in good works. He grew to embrace the idea that if he did enough good works, showed up at church every Sunday, and participated in as many church activities as he could, he would be saved. In a sense, he believes he is a "good person." He also believes that a combination of faith and good works will one day send him to Heaven. Where Christ Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God. |

**Discussion Questions:**1. Have you ever believed the same way as Rick? Why or why not?  
2. How does this story relate to what Jesus tells us about the way to eternal life? *(Jesus is the way, not self-reliance of any kind.)*3. What kinds of things give us purpose in life according to the "world"? *(Satanism, secularism, postmodernism, huge homes, tons of toys, cool phones, the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, drag racing, alcohol, drugs, being famous, being rich, being popular, etc.)*4. How can we say Jesus is the only way?    
  
**Read John 14:3**

This is a direct promise of our Lord's return for His people. It gives us the challenge to search for "The Way." As people, we must first have a way or a direction to go before we can search for the Truth, which is our next point.   
  
  
  
**PART 2 - THE TRUTH**• Have you ever searched for Truth?   
• What is Truth?   
• Where does Truth originate?   
• Why follow rules?   
• Who decides what is right and wrong?   
• What makes Christian beliefs better than those of others?   
  
I am not trying to confuse you. We all have a built in desire to believe in a god, or in God Himself! Nevertheless, how can we ever be sure that what we hear is the Truth?    
  
 **Read John 14:6  
  
Discussion Questions:**1. What does Jesus say Truth is? *(He is the Truth, our purpose, our direction, and our only hope.)*So, what is Truth? We all search for it. We all want it. When we consider all the world religions again--none claim to have the perfect and certain way. The answer is always, "I hope I make it to Heaven." "I think I did enough good deeds," or "I am a good person."   
  
2. Why do you think people search for truth in all the wrong places?  
  
  
**Read John 1:1-5  
  
Discussion Question:**1. Where does Truth originate according to John in this passage? *(In the beginning was the Word, which is Christ Jesus, therefore Truth is in Christ from the beginning.)*2. Why is it impossible to find Truth or direction from "worldly" things?  
  
Jesus Christ points out that after being the Way, He is the Truth. Lastly, He points out that He is the Life.  This brings us to our last point.

**PART 3 - THE LIFE**

**Read John 14:6-7  
  
Discussion Question**:  
1. What is life? How do we find it? *(Jesus tells us He is Life and it is through Him we come to the Father.)*The world tells us that "life" is found in how we live each day. This is kind of correct, but also very wrong. It is missing part of the equation. Life is not found in how we live each day, but in whom we live for each day. We try to fill up our lives with lots of different things, but God's Word tells us that real "life" is hope, salvation, rest, and forgiveness that come only from Jesus.

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| **Amber, the Agnostic** Meet Amber. She is an Agnostic. She believes there could be a God, but there may not be a God. Amber says, "It is impossible to know for sure. What you want to believe in is fine as long as you do not try to pull me into your beliefs." She does not believe in Heaven or Hell. She believes she is living for herself, with no Way, no Truth, and no life except here, in this world. |

**Discussion Questions (continued):**2. Could you follow an Agnostic's beliefs? Why or why not?  
3. How can you know for sure God is real? *(God reveals Himself to us in three ways: in creation, in His Word, and in His Son, Jesus Christ. When we know Jesus, we know God.)*Have you ever searched for something but had no idea what you were looking for? Babies are always finding things lying around the house, such as keys, small toys, change, and all sorts of small objects. After spotting something, they have to pick it up, to know how it feels. Next, they will bang it on the floor a few times to hear what kind of sound it makes. Then, almost without fail, it ends up in the mouth so they can taste it. A baby uses every sense it has to get to know something. Like a small baby, we also like to find things. Remember how much fun it was to play hide and seek? When was the last time you played that game?   
  
The point is, as humans we are designed to search for answers. You can compare our lives to a search engine like Google, Yahoo, or Bing. Unfortunately, many people search for answers in the wrong things, like drugs, alcohol, sex, popularity, food, console games, weight lifting, or extreme sports to name a few. None of these provide a way of life. Instead, they provide an absence of life. Persons engaged in such things are still searching for meaning and purpose in life.    
  
  
**Read Romans 12:2  
  
Discussion Questions:**1. What does Paul say about life in this verse? *(Life is not the world but Christ. Do not get side tracked.)*2. What are some "patterns of this world" that you, your peers, or your parents try to conform? Why? 3. Does it ever feel like God or the Bible sets rules and regulations to control the masses, so you will have no fun? Why or why not? *(God clearly states throughout His Word that these rules and regulations are actually protecting us so we can live life to the fullest.)*4. How can we find out what God's Will is for our life?*(By obeying His Word, and by not giving in to the social pressures of this world. When we turn from our old ways and start to follow God's Will, the Truth of His Word will become clear to us.)*

MAKING IT REAL (15 minutes)

• Are you absolutely ready for God to take control of your life, to form you into His Masterpiece, and to give you purpose and hope?  
   
I want you all to get this. On the way to the cross, Jesus took many steps to show us clearly that He is the only Way and the only Truth. He was killed for enlightening people about these important truths. Now, the Life, found in Jesus is our Spiritual Rebirth or a revival in our hearts. These are the three main points of today's lesson found in John 14:6.  
   
Everyone knows how to use a ladder, right? You lean it against a wall. You take one careful step at a time, usually going up before you go down. Each rung is built upon the next. You put one foot above the next. You don't look down. Okay, you got it.   
  
When we rethink about the three main points of today's lesson, consider this ladder effect. It is the idea that one builds upon the other. Fist you have the Way. It is the idea that everyone seeks direction in life, an identity, or a purpose. After finding the Way, the next step is the Truth. We must choose a way to go before we can find Truth in that Way. Then, once we know the Truth, we have the Llife. This new Life comes from choosing the Way based on Truth. Our ultimate search is to find everlasting life, which only comes in Jesus Christ!

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| Workbook Activity  Think back about how we, as people, are searching for something. List a few areas where you have sought out purpose, meaning, or a way in your life.   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Why did you once, or still do, search for meaning in these areas?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  What application can you take from this message today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   What are you struggling most with, and why?      The Way (Direction) \_\_\_\_       The Truth (Purpose) \_\_\_\_  The Life (Spiritual Rebirth) \_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Remember the Truth we learned today from the book of John. Jesus is Hope, Direction, Truth, Purpose, and Meaning in life. He wants you to receive it all. We may have been hypocritical at one point or another, or believed that we needed to be perfect before coming to God, but He calls us to "come just as we are”—including all of our burdens, sins, and pain. Make a decision not to leave here without allowing God to have control of your life. There is only one Way to God and that is through Jesus Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes)

God, we have learned today that our lives always seek something. We seek direction, meaning, and intimacy. We even seek false ideas and false ways because we want meaning in our lives so badly. I pray today that we have learned how You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I pray that we can allow You to chisel away our fears, our failures, our struggles, and our pain. I pray that we can give those completely to You. Amen.

What Do They Believe? (Quiz)

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| ***Instructions:*** Either individually or in groups, select the best answer for each of the following questions.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1. What do Atheists believe in as their god?      a. Self   b. Satan   c. Science   d. Nothing     3. Do Satanists believe in God?     a. Yes   b. No   c. Maybe   5. Do Jehovah Witnesses believe in the Trinity?     a. Yes   b. No   c. Maybe   7. Do Evolutionists believe in Heaven/Hell?      a. Yes   b. No   c. Maybe | 2. Do Agnostics believe in God?     a. Yes   b. No   c. They can't decide   4. Does a Hindu believe in Reincarnation?               a. Yes   b. No   c. Maybe   6. Do Mormons believe God has a wife?     a. Yes   b. No   c. Maybe   8. Who is God to a New Ager?     a. Trinity   b. Everything   c. Allah   d. Yourself |   9. Which god do Muslims believe in?     a. Allah   b. Yahweh   c. Mohammed   d. Ramadan   10. What does a Buddhist believe about Jesus?     a. Good Teacher   b. Messiah   c. He's a lie   d. Regular person   11. What do Jews believe about Jesus?      a. Good Teacher   b. Messiah   c. False Prophet   d. Regular Person   12. What do "religious" people overall believe about salvation?     a. Earned   b. By grace   c. Given to all   d. No salvation   13. How does a "typical" American believe you get to Heaven?     a. Through Jesus   b. By believing in God   c. By being a good person   d. Religion |