

I'm Glad You Asked  
"Aren't all religions basically the same?"  
Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever encountered someone who held to a different religion than you? Did you discuss religious views? How did that conversation make you feel?
2. Read John 14:1-11. What do you think Jesus meant when he declared himself to be "the way, the truth and the life"?
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4. Pastor Mark suggests that those who ask "Aren't all religions basically the same" clearly haven't studied the 5 major religions of the world (Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Judaism). Do you agree or disagree, why or why not?
5. Pastor Mark also suggests that behind this idea that "all religions are basically the same" is a deeper assumption, that all religions are equally true and equally valid. Why is that an illogical assumption?
6. Some people claim that it is intolerant, bigoted and disrespectful to suggest that one religion is more true than others. How might this be a fair criticism of Christianity, which claims that Jesus is the way? How might this be an unfair criticism of Christianity?
7. Pastor Mark suggests that it is not inherently arrogant to believe that your particular religion is more true than others. Is it possible to believe that Christianity is more true than other religions, but still be respectful and gracious toward those who follow other religions?
8. Why would it be helpful to do a basic study that compares the basic beliefs of all 5 major religions of the world? Think of at least 3-5 good reasons why such a study would be helpful and beneficial today?

9. In our increasingly divided and uncivil culture, where disagreements often turn into ugly arguments, how can modern day Christians maintain a strong conviction about their Christian Faith without coming across as self-righteous or judgmental?