



but what about

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

**THE ENEMY OF FAITH IS NOT DOUBT; IT IS UNEXPRESSED DOUBT. THE CHURCH SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN ASK “BUT WHAT ABOUT...?” AND FACE SOME OF FAITH’S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS WITH HONESTY AND CONVICTION. THAT’S WHAT THIS SERIES WILL DO.**

- 1** Share some of your story of becoming a follower of Jesus (or your spiritual journey in general if you are not a Christian). Note among the group what similarities and differences are in your spiritual life experiences.
- 2** Split up the following passages among your group to read out loud: **Romans 10:9, Hebrews 9:28, 1 John 5:5, Acts 4:12, and John 14:6**. From early church leaders to Jesus himself, we consistently hear a claim that salvation comes from no one but Jesus. How do you think Christians should strike a balance between confidence in God’s Word and respectful humility in interactions with people who disagree?
- 3** Whether agnostic, atheist, or faith-based - all religious viewpoints make some type of exclusive claim. And most world religions have a stance on Jesus - that he was only a prophet, or that he was a good man, or that he was a wise teacher. **Read John 3:16-18**. How do you think Christians can best take this passage seriously in relationship to alternative views on who Jesus is? How should a Christian message address the ideas of salvation and condemnation?
- 4** **Read Luke 19:10, and 2 Peter 3:9**. These passages frame our understanding of God’s heart for the lost - no matter what country they are from. Why do we struggle to trust God’s fairness and justice in relationship to people from non-Christian societies or remote areas?
- 5** **Read Acts 17:26-27**. In a totally non-Christian society, Paul claims that God is closer to everyone than we think. What do you think Paul means when he says this? Follow up question: Is it possible God is reaching out to people who haven’t heard the gospel in ways we’re not even aware of? If so, does that satisfy our concern?
- 6** **Read Luke 24:46-47, Matthew 28:18-20, and Acts 1:8**. Ultimately, Christians have a God-given role in reaching the world, and our concern is better aimed at the people we can reach with the gospel. What are ways Christians can maintain a focus on the mission Jesus has entrusted to them?

