

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **June 8, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "Exclusivity." Please read the sermon passage (John 14:1-11) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (John 14:1-11)

Sermon Outline:

1. **Exclusivity is offensive to the world**
 - a. Jesus clearly teaches that, because only he is God, only he can save (Acts 4:12).
 - b. "Pluralists" seem to say that everything, including Christianity, has a "part" of the truth
 - c. They are offended when one claims to have "the Truth." (John 14:6)
2. **Exclusivity is central to the gospel**
 - a. Jesus is everything, or he is nothing (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - b. All the other "ways," not through Jesus, are no way at all.
3. **Exclusivity is unavoidable for "pluralists" and anyone holding a position.**
 - a. People who claim "not to know" are exclusive in their claims that they are right in their position.
 - b. Tolerant people believe in tolerance, absolutely.
 - c. It is a legitimate position to be convinced that Jesus is right in his claims to be the only way.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Discuss your recent attempts to have cross-centered conversations with people. Where are you struggling? Where are you making progress? How can we pray for you?
2. Based on #1, above: Have you ever shied away from a conversation with a "pluralist" because you did not want to offend them? How did this sermon bolster your confidence in the gospel (Romans 1:16)?
3. Based on #2, above: If Jesus isn't everything, and the only way, then his coming to earth as God makes absolutely no sense. Discuss.
4. Based on #3, above: Do you think it would be helpful or unhelpful to try to convince a pluralist that their position (any sincere belief is okay) is just as "exclusive" as the Christian position (trusting Christ alone)? Why?
5. Based on #3 above: How did this message encourage your faith and embolden your commitment to share Christ? Who will you share Christ with in the coming days?