

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Tough Questions 4 – What about Other Beliefs?

1) When was the last time you discussed your beliefs with someone of a different view? How did it go?

2) Was there anything you found either hard to accept or particularly helpful in Rich's talk? What was it and why?

a) Read **Psalm 96 v 4-6**

i) What does this say about other religions?

ii) Do you agree with this?

iii) How would you explain this passage to someone of another faith?

b) Read **John 14v6**

i) Do you think this clearly says that Jesus is the only way to God?

ii) How do you feel about this statement?

c) Read **1 Tim 2v3-6**

i) Does this passage suggest there are several ways to God or just one? Why?

ii) What is a mediator? How is Jesus a mediator between us and God?

iii) How did Jesus make a way for us to reconnect with God?

iv) What does this passage say is God's attitude to people who are not Christians?

v) What can you do to help people come to 'knowledge of the truth'? What will you actually do this week?

vi) Spend some time praying for opportunities to speak about Jesus this week.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Acts 17v16-34**

a) What was Paul's reaction to the 'other religions' he found in Athens?

b) Why do you think he had such a strong reaction?

Paul speaks first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles (non-Jews) about Jesus. We will look at how Paul speaks to the Gentiles, who have very different beliefs to himself.

c) How does he show respect for the Athenians even though he does not agree with their beliefs? Why do you think he did this?

d) How does he establish common ground with the Athenians?

e) How does he turn the conversation to Jesus?

f) What can you learn from this passage to help you share your faith with people of other beliefs?

g) Spend some time praying for opportunities to put what you've learned into practice.

CONNECT IN PRAYER

The **Alpha Meal** is on **Sunday 3rd February, 7pm** at Prezzo restaurant. Please pray for a good turnout and for lots of people to sign up for the course which starts on **Thursday 7th February at 7.15pm**. Pray for Rich who is talking and Jeff and Hayley as table leaders.

The **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6th February at 7.45pm**. Please pray for people to book in and that it would be a really successful course. Pray for Diane and Michel Larribeau who are running it; that God will give them wisdom to lead and that it will run smoothly.

Please pray for **Rich and Jamie's trip to Lesotho** from **11th - 19th February**. Particularly pray for their health while they are away, that they will be able to encourage the church in Lesotho and that they will really get a feel for what Rob and Hilary are involved in out there. Please also pray that they would learn from Pete West and his team. Rich will be preaching at Rehobothe Church on the Sunday and teaching at a leaders meeting during the week.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The **Alpha Meal** is on **Sunday 3rd February at 7pm** at Prezzo in Lewes. If you would like to come on Alpha or know someone who is coming to the meal, please speak to Jeff. There will be a **Prayer Meeting** on this evening too at the earlier time of **7pm** to coincide with the Alpha Meal.

The **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6th February at 7.45pm**. This is a free five week course and is open to all parents regardless of religious beliefs. Please speak to Diane or Michel Larribeau for more details and to book in.

We are having a **Baptism** service on **Sunday 10th February**. If you haven't already been baptised and would like to be, please speak to Rich or Chris. This is a great morning to bring guests to so invite your friends and family along!

Our next **Quiz Night** is on **Saturday 2nd March at 7.15pm**. Tickets will be available soon. £7 for a ticket including Fish and Chips and £3 for the quiz only. Please speak to Jamie for more details.