

## Asking for a Friend: Why Christianity?

April 12, 2026 Discussion Guide

Matthew 1:21; John 1:1-5; John 10:18, John 11:25-26; John 14:6-7; Acts 4:12;

Romans 3:10-12; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 4:14-16

### **CHECK UP:**

\*Memory work: For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

\*How did you live your life anchored in God's grand story this past week?

### **OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How comfortable and confident are you in having discussions with those who have a different worldview than you?

### **DISCUSS:**

- Oprah Winfrey has said, "one of the biggest mistakes humans make is to believe there's only one way. Actually, there are many diverse paths leading to God."
  - o This position is very common today. How would you graciously and humbly respond to someone who holds this position?
- The culture we live in has embraced the value of "inclusiveness." Claims of exclusivity are considered intolerant. How should we view this?
  - o How does inclusivity become exclusive?
- How would you respond to someone who says all faiths are essentially the same?
- What did you find encouraging or enlightening from Lou's story?

### **READ and DISCUSS: Hebrews 1:1-3; John 18:33-37; John 14:6-7; Acts 4:12;**

### **Colossians 2:8-10; John 8:31-32; Ephesians 2:1-10**

- How do each of these passages speak to what is true?
  - o Which of these passages do you find most encouraging/challenging in answering the question, "why Christianity?"
- What key takeaways can we take from Jesus's interaction with Pilate?
- What would you say to someone who says, I am good person, why do I need Jesus?
- What sets Christianity apart from other world religions?

**APPLY:**

- Why do you need Jesus?
- How do you need to better anchor yourself in the truth?
- NEXT STEP: What encouragement, information, or correction do you need to live in truth in a pluralistic world?

Memory Work:

...the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me. - John 18:37

Next Week's Reading:

OPEN