

Read John 14:6. What does this statement mean? How comfortable are you sharing this with someone unfamiliar with or uncertain about Jesus' identity? Practice sharing this truth with each other. Have one person adopt the role of a co-worker or friend who asks, "How can you believe that Jesus is the only way, that Christianity is the only true religion?" Use verses read earlier, too.

What effective ways have you found to graciously share your beliefs about Jesus with others? In your experience, what are the things that people need most to understand or experience in order to take steps of faith toward Him?

REFLECT

Worship God by reading Isaiah 40:6-31 aloud together, either in unison or by taking turns reading paragraphs. Let the imagery of God's holiness, power and uniqueness fill your imagination and build to crescendo. After reading, allow for a few minutes for silent worship and reflection.

RESPOND

After reading, praise God in prayer by finishing this sentence: "Jesus, there is no one like You. You are the only one who _____. Give me the chance to tell _____ this week how great You are."

All confusion is ultimately spiritual.

We've confused goodness with
Godliness.

2 Corinthians 10:12

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

1 John 1:8-10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

We've confused euphoria
with transcendence.

Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit...

C.S. Lewis
We are half-
hearted creatures,
fooling about with
drink and sex and
ambition when
infinite joy is
offered us...

We've confused sincerity with faith.

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Instead of believing that we were made in God's image and thus He comes first in this equation, we define an idea of god in our image.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

How are we to be Christian in this spiritually confused culture?

Ephesians 5:18

be filled with the Spirit...

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Brennan Manning

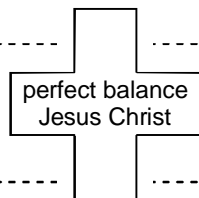
The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips then walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply find unbelievable.

Christians must lead full and integrated and engaged lives.

PRIORITY: Being relatable

in the world
wise as serpents
make the teaching about
God our Savior attractive

DANGER: complete assimilation



PRIORITY: Being separate

not of the world
innocent as doves
strangers and aliens

DANGER: total isolation

John 17:14-18

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

Being an Unconfused Christian

Life Group Study

RELATE

What is your earliest memory, experience, or idea of God?

Rob shared the question Oprah asked her audience over a year ago, "How can there be only one way to heaven or to God?" Why do you think this very old idea is still so appealing to people today?

What principle, insight or idea was meaningful to you from this week's sermon?

READ

John 6:60-69; 10:22-42; 14:6

What caused some of Jesus' early disciples to quit following him? (v. 60 and previous) Have you found any of Jesus' claims or teachings difficult or offensive? What did you do with that?

Why did Peter and others continue following Jesus? Who or what else besides Jesus have you followed, or considered following? What brought you back?

What did the Jewish people at the Feast want Jesus to do for them? Did he? What did Jesus say here about who he is and what he does? (10:24, 28-30,36-38)

How did the Jews respond to Jesus' statements about himself? Why? (10:31, 33) Have you seen people respond in a similar way? What reasons do they object to Jesus' claims?