

[RE]CONSTRUCTING

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COEXISTing

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Questions based on the sermon from February 23, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. What was new to you or eye-opening about world religions in the message this week?
2. Have you encountered or even had the thought that Christianity is “too narrow-minded”?

Digging Deeper

1. Pastor Luke shared examples of leaders who claim that all roads lead to God. How might prioritizing peace in this way lead to a compromise of truth?
2. What did Jesus claim about himself in the following verses?
 - John 14:6
 - Matthew 7:13-14
3. How do Romans 1:16-17 show that God’s invitation to salvation is for everyone? Who does this include, and why does that matter for us?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, and answer the following:
 - In verse 3, what is at risk for us?
 - What makes us vulnerable to it?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 11:12-15. What further warning are we given in these verses, and who are we told is the source of these deceptive practices?
6. Pastor Luke shared arguments against Scripture’s truth, like the claim that Christians altered Isaiah to point to Jesus. Which argument stood out to you? Have you encountered others?
7. Despite strong evidence for Jesus’ resurrection, it has often been challenged. According to 1 Corinthians 15:16-19, why is the resurrection vital to the Christian faith? How would our faith be affected if it weren’t true?

Making it Personal:

8. What does it look like to truly live as if Jesus is *the way, the truth, and the life*? Have you ever wrestled with this truth, and if so, what helped you navigate those doubts?
9. In a culture that values tolerance, how can we hold firm to Jesus’ exclusive claims while still demonstrating love and humility?
10. What fears and hesitations keep you from sharing Jesus as the only way? How can we overcome them?

Prayer:

I John 4:18 reminds us that God’s perfect love drives out all fear. Pray for each other to be filled with his love, replacing fear with confidence, so that we may boldly and unashamedly share the Gospel (Romans 1:16).

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