

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: Whom do you run to when something bad happens in your life?

OVERVIEW: There is a difference between Christianity and all other religions. All other religions teach that good people go to heaven, while Christianity teaches that forgiven people go to heaven. The belief that good people go to heaven can be called performance-based religion, and it is unbiblical and harmful. In this discussion we will go deeper with the problems with performance-based religion.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why is the belief that good people go to heaven so popular?
3. If it is true that good people go to heaven, then it doesn't matter what you believe. How does this contradict Scripture?
4. If it is true that good people go to heaven, would you go to heaven? Explain.
5. Read Titus 3:3-7.
 - a. What does verse 3 say about human beings?
 - b. What does this passage teach about God?

The Last Word: Good people don't go to heaven, forgiven people do.

3 REASONS TO REJECT PERFORMANCE-BASED CHRISTIANITY

Galatians 4:8-31

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- c. What does this passage teach about salvation?
 - d. What does this passage teach about performance, or good works?
 - e. What does this passage teach about Jesus Christ?
 - f. What is hard to understand about this passage?
 - g. Is there any part of this passage that seems to contradict what the Bible says elsewhere?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon.
- a. What are three reasons to reject performance-based religion?
 - b. Why is performance-based religion futile?
 - c. How is performance-based religion painful?
 - d. If we are not saved by performance/good works, then how can we be saved?