



— Leader's Notes —

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Inform the group that this session focuses on “responding to common objections to the Gospel.”

As society, media, and government become increasingly more secular or religion free, objections to the Gospel increase among non-believers. Teaching about religious tolerance, rejecting the existence of absolute truth, and declining morality have enabled people to explain away the logical conclusions for the meaning of life that can only be found in Scripture.

**A. Objection: All Religions Are Basically the Same.**

(Suggested Teaching Time: 15 Min)

This objection says that each religion has equal value, and is imposed on a person by cultural upbringing. Hence, someone born in Iran will likely be a Muslim by virtue of origin.

1. **There are key theological differences.**

a. **Monotheism versus polytheism.**

- Is there one God or many gods? Actually, the majority of the world’s population believes in one God.
- The world’s three great religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism) are all monotheistic (believe in one God) and owe their origins to Abraham.
- However, all other religions are polytheistic. So in theology, not all religions are the same.
- Christianity is unique in theology in that it acknowledges one and only one God, yet God is manifested in three distinct and separate persons.
- The Trinity is a great mystery that cannot be logically explained. This gives greater credibility for the truth of the Christian God.
- Both the Old and New Testament confirm the teaching and mystery of the Trinity (Ge 1:26-27, Mt 3:16-17).

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**Objection: All Religions Are Basically The Same**

Three Responses:

1. There are key theological differences.
2. There are moral and cultural differences.
3. There are foundational belief differences.

Remind your group that Session 7 focuses on responding to other beliefs.