

GOD, I HAVE A QUESTION..



Week 3 & 4: What happens to people who never heard of Jesus?

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1. Do you know someone who falls into the “never heard about Jesus” category? Briefly share their story with the group.
2. Pastor Mark said that this issue is not explicitly addressed in the Bible. How does uncertainty on questions like this effect your faith? What other questions do you with the Bible spoke more clearly on?
3. In what way(s) are the people listed in Hebrews 11 similar and not similar to people who have not heard of Jesus today? What do you think we can learn about this matter from the “hall of faith” list?
4. How do we address the tension that Jesus is the only way to be reconciled with God (Acts 4:11-12) and the fact that some people already in heaven never heard the name of Jesus (ex. Abraham and Moses)?
5. We may normally think of God’s justice in the sense of punishments. In this case, how does God’s justice ensure that this answer will be answered as it should be (Acts 17:31)?
6. In our society, we will encounter two groups of people who have never heard the gospel: 1) those with an inability to hear (too young or mentally challenged) and 2) those with the ability to hear and therefore, no excuse. How should we respond to both groups so that we may win some to Jesus?
7. On the back of this page, write the names of up to 5 people that you know who need to hear the good news of Jesus (for the first time or the 10th time). Commit to pray for them 5 days a week for 5 weeks and look for an opportunity to share with them. Have someone in the group keep you accountable and be sure to share anything God does with the group.