Tough Questions

What About Those Who Haven't Heard of Jesus?



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Message Summary •••

God desires everyone to be saved, and Jesus is the only path to salvation. Those unaware of Jesus are judged fairly by God. Believers are called to actively share the Gospel, bringing people to Jesus who bridges the gap between God's holiness and human sin.

Key Scriptures •••

¹⁴ When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14 (CSB)

¹⁴ (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) ¹⁶ This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

Romans 2:14-16 (NIV)

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

Start Talking •••

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- If you could travel anywhere in the world to share the message of hope, where would you go and what unique local food would you try while you're there?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: Here (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking •••

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- How do the Key Scriptures show us God's heart for the innocent and His desire for everyone to know him?

Start Sharing •••

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Think about a time when you felt welcomed and accepted, like a child being embraced. What made that experience special for you?
- How can we help others understand God's law written on their hearts?

Start Doing •••

- Give each person in your group a small piece of paper and a pen.
- Ask everyone to think of one person they want to introduce to Jesus (their "One More") and write that person's name on the paper.
- Have each participant share the name and their relationship to that person with the group.
- Have each participant keep the piece of paper somewhere they will see it every day as a reminder to pray for their salvation.

Start Praying •••

Lord, we lift up [read the names on the papers]. Guide us to share Your love with them. Help us to be brave and step out in faith in sharing the gospel. Help us to live lives that illustrate your goodness and peace. Open their hearts to Your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.