



Barriers (part 2)
“How Can You Say There Is Only One True Faith?”
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- I. But is it _____?

- II. What’s the _____?

- III. Who is being _____?

Talk It Over

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SMALL TALK

1. Have you ever encountered this question or wondered about it yourself?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ 1 Peter 3:15.** Which part of Peter’s instruction helps when people think Jesus followers are judgmental, mean, or narrow-minded? How does Peter’s instruction correct us or possibly prevent us from being perceived this way?
3. **READ John 14:6.** What does Jesus mean by his very bold claim? How is his claim connected to the whole message of the Bible (consider for example Isaiah 53:5-6, or the entire Old Covenant sacrificial system)? How is the claim both exclusive and inclusive, narrow but an open invitation?
4. **READ Acts 4:12 and its surrounding context.** Why is teaching in the name of Jesus so offensive then, and now? Does Peter follow his own advice from question #2?
5. Is the truth about God logical, or reasonable? Consider Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27. What role does evidence play in this? What evidence did Jesus point to in John 14? (see 14:11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19-20; 29; 30-31)

GETTING PERSONAL

6. Have you run into a redefined view of truth as it relates to “faith” questions? Where people believe all faiths are equally valid? Do these people throw out the laws of logic? Do they use words like “your truth” and “my truth” and define truth subjectively? How do we get past these barriers?
7. The world views matters of faith as personal preferences with a placebo effect. How do you view faith? What makes faith work? What is true faith? What is saving faith?
8. Has anyone asked you about your faith? (1 Peter 3:15) If not, why not?”

MAKING PROGRESS

9. One of our core statements is “Followers say, ‘Follow me.’” What can you do to “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have”?