

Bible Study

Respecting Other Faiths

Week 1: Acknowledging our Biases

Begin with Prayer, thanking God for life and for the opportunity to gather together and to consider those things of transcendent value.

Read:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. Psalm 19:1-6

Say:

This passage in the Bible claims that God is written into the fabric of the universe, evident for all to see. Everyone looks at the same sky, and is, therefore, able to deduce something about the nature of God. Let us discuss those things that are evident from the world in which we live.

Discuss:

What do you believe is the nature of God?

- a. List 5 Characteristics that you think reflect God's character.
- b. Let us share these characteristics.
 - Which ones did we all write down?
 - Which ones do we all agree upon?
 - Are there any with which we disagree?
 - Why?

Watch Video:

Discuss:

1. How does your belief influence your life?
2. List the 5 values that are non-negotiable for you.
3. How does your belief affect your relationship with others?

Close with Prayer, thanking God for the love and grace that God has written into the universe, for the rich variety of people that God has created. Pray that God would draw us all together as one people.