

## Small Group Discussion

### Connect

- Go around your group and find out who has met a neighbor from another country or religious background. What religions are represented among those you have close relationships with?

### Grow

- Name barriers and/or fears that keep you from engaging with people who follow different religions? If there is a distrust, identify where you think that may stem from.
- What's your mentality when encountering those who don't believe in Jesus? How does this affect how you approach or interact with them?
- Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-11. Discuss the meaning of the verse that reads "He has also set eternity in the hearts of men."
- When have you experienced something "beautiful" for a time, only to be left with the longing that sets in after it fades? (i.e. an achievement, a meal, relationship, a season in life, etc.). And have you ever considered this universal longing to be a starting point for spiritual conversations with your neighbors?
- Understanding the appeals of other religions helps us understand the people who adhere to them more. What is attractive to you about the motivations of other religions – the justice of Islam, the enduring meaning of Buddhism, the unique & special identity of Judaism, the utopian promise of secular humanism, the independence of atheism?

### Reach

- Who in your neighborhood will you start to ask these questions to this week: Why is what you believe meaningful to you? What about it is satisfying for you? How does it help you deal with the complexities of life?
- What other questions can you think of to get to know your neighbors at a deeper level?
- Which domestic or international Global Outreach Trip can our small group adopt – commit to pray for, help fund, and apply to go on?