

World Religions

Why are People Religious?

Selected Scriptures

1) What is religion?

Definition:

A set of beliefs that answer ultimate questions.

1. What is ultimate reality?
2. What is the nature of the world?
3. What is the nature of humanity?
4. What is humanity's primary problem?
5. What happens after death?

2) Why are people religious?

The longing – something is missing

The knowledge – external and internal

3) What is religion's appeal?

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Review the definition of religion. Can you answer each of these questions through your religious beliefs? Try it.
2. Are you surprised that all people are religious by nature and that religion is growing globally? How do you feel about this?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 and Romans 1: 18-20. Discuss what the Bible says about our longing for a connection with ultimate meaning.
4. Have you befriended someone of a different faith? How do you approach religious discussion?

Memory Verse

*“What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden
God laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the hearts of men;
yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”*
Ecclesiastes 3:9-11