# **World Religions**

### Secularism/Atheism

Matthew 28:19-20

- 1) <u>Doubt</u>/Deny the existence/<u>relevance</u> of God.
- 2) Everything can be explained by <u>naturalistic</u> causes.
- 3) Scientific inquiry is the only <u>reliable</u> path to truth.
- **4)** There is no <u>credible</u> evidence that life survives death.

## **Application:**

- 1) Privatization of religion.
- 2) Decline of religious practices.
- 3) All truth claims are contestable.

Download "Secularism/Atheism" by Tim Hawks (3/6/16) free, or share it via email, Facebook or Twitter at hcbc.com/media. CD's may be purchased at the Lakeline Campus Media Center.

# 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. Define religion. Why would secularism be defined as a religion? What evidence do you see of secularism in our community/nation?
- 2. How would you answer a Christian who tells you their faith is a private matter? What does the bible say about this?
- 3. What are some of the regular practices that set you apart as a Christian? Have you seen the expressions of your faith increase or decrease over the years?
- Can you explain why science is a great, but inadequate source of all truth? Consider attending the QuestionsNextDoor.com conference April 8-9.

### **Memory Verse**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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