

### Opening dialogue

Do you believe that a person can have a genuine relationship with God? If so, how? What is required?

If you were to stand face-to-face with God and He asked, "Why should I let you into heaven?" how would you respond?

### Thoughts from the bible

Last week we studied humanity's problem of sin and saw how seriously the Bible treats it. This week we'll seek a solution to this problem. Let's start by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, a summary of the biblical solution to our sin problem. How is the solution offered in the Bible different from the answer given by other religions? Do you agree that good works are unable to save a person? Why or why not?

If our good works cannot save us, then what hope do we have? Read Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18, and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 as a group. According to the Bible, what did Jesus do about our problem of sin?

Read John 1:12, 3:16, and 1 John 5:13 as a group. What does John mean by "eternal life?" According to these verses, how can a person have eternal life?

Read Acts 4:12 and 1 John 5:11-13. According to these passages, what is the apparent consequence for those who do not believe in Jesus? Is there any other way to have eternal life apart from Jesus? Do you agree? Why or why not?

### Questions to ponder

Do you believe that Jesus died for *your* sins and rose from the dead? If not, what is keeping you from believing this?

Do you trust Jesus alone for eternal life? Why or why not?