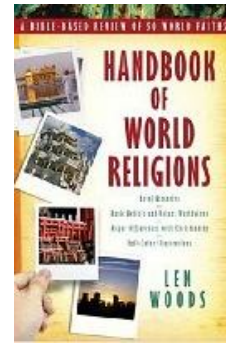


# "What's the Difference?"

## The Gospel and Other Religions

### Class Goals

1. Rejoice more in what Christ has done for us (Joy).
2. Recognize the truths of the gospel and how they affect our lives (Passion)
3. Understand other religions better so that we can understand "religious others" better. (Inflect)



Class Resource: *Handbook of World Religions* by Len Woods

### Class Schedule (Subject to Change)

Date	Title	Key Ideas of Session
1/25	<b>How can I compare religions?</b> The nature of religion and differences	Classifying the variety of religions Seeing the nature of differences
2/1	<b>What is the nature of the universe?</b> Different views of God and the universe	Christian view: Triune, Personal God Other: Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism/New Age
2/8	<b>How do we know the truth?</b> The authorities in different religions	Christian view: Bible Other: Islam, Hinduism, Mormons
2/15	<b>Who are we?</b> The nature of human beings	Christian view: Real, image of God Other: Hinduism, Islam, "New Age"
2/22	<b>What's wrong with the universe?</b> The problem that needs addressed	Christian view: humans fallen into sin Other: Islam, Buddhism, Scientology
3/1	<b>How do we fix the problem?</b> The solution to the problem	Christian view: Grace, death of Christ Other: Islam, Buddhism, Mormon
3/8	<b>What happens after this life?</b> The nature of the afterlife	Christian view: Future Resurrection Other: Islam, Buddhism, Mormons
3/15	<b>What about..... ?</b> Case Study on requested religion	Based on Class Needs (What religions do you have most questions on, most interaction with?)
3/22	<b>What about..... ?</b> Case Study on requested religion	Based on Class Needs
3/29	<b>What do I do with this?</b> Talking with others about religion	Getting to the heart of the issues Issues to avoid
4/5	<b>What needs clarification?</b> Q/A, Role Play	Tying up loose ends Where to go from here

We recommend reading on the following: Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science, Secular Humanism, Chinese Traditional, Scientology, Kabbalah...and other any ones that interest you