

WEEK 7- THE CHRISTIAN PARADOX

Acts 8:26-40

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. CHRISTIANITY IS MORE INCLUSIVE AND MORE EXCLUSIVE THAN ANY OTHER RELIGION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. It has been said that no matter who you are scripture will surprise you in some way. Describe a time when scripture surprised you or challenged your way of thinking.
3. The main idea this week was that "Christianity is more inclusive and more exclusive than any other religion." What are some ways that Christianity is inclusive? What are some ways it is exclusive? How can both of these be true at the same time?
4. Acts 8 is just one place in the Bible where we can see that God desires racial barriers to be surmounted. What are some other examples from the Bible where we see God's heart on this issue? What are some ways we can be a part of overcoming racial barriers in our world?
5. Christianity doesn't belong exclusively to one culture. For example, the other major world religions are largely concentrated in the area in which that religion formed. However, Christianity is spread evenly across the world. Out of all Christians, about 25% live in Europe, 25% live in Central/South America, 22% live Africa, 15% live in Asia, 12% live in North America. Why do you think Christianity is able to evenly include all the cultures in the world like this?
6. Jesus' claims were exclusive. He doesn't claim to be able to show you how to find God. He claims to be God who came down to find you. What is so different about Jesus when you compare Him to founders of other religions?
7. In Acts 8:26-40 the Ethiopian eunuch was able to see how the gospel of Jesus applied directly to him personally. What are some ways the gospel has impacted you on a deep, personal level? How has the gospel change you?