

LESSON 6:

THE WAY



AIM:

To show that Jesus is the only way to the Father and that 'the way' is the absolute truth. To present the truth that the only way to accept Jesus is to admit and confess sin.

YOU WILL NEED:

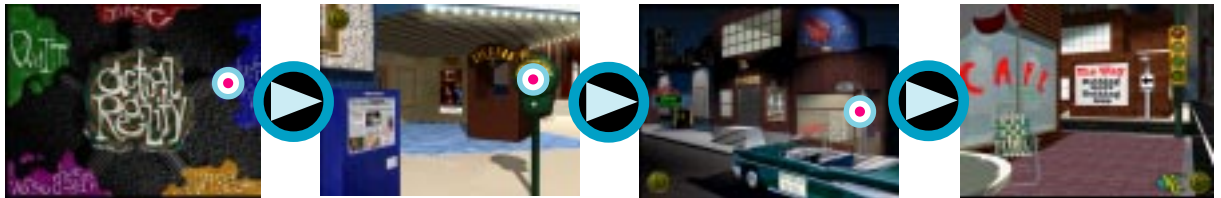
- Bibles
- Actual Reality CD
- Computer
- VCR and Television (or use LCD Projector)
- LCD Projector (depending on size of the group)
- Flipchart or OHP
- Videos of Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade,
- The Truman Show and/or
- A Few Good Men

WATCH:

Show a clip from Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Towards the end of the clip, Indy is set a task to choose the cup of the carpenter. Another character chooses an ornate goblet and dies, Indy chooses a wooden cup and lives.

CD:

Follow these screen clicks to get to 'this way sign'



Click on the one way sign.

[A band member will appear and speak about John 14:6. Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God.]

INFORMATION:

Tie the video and CD elements together. Jesus claimed to be the only way to God, there was only one goblet that possessed healing quality – but it didn't look like the obvious choice. Just because following Jesus doesn't seem to be the most logical, scientific or cool way, doesn't make it untrue.

DISCUSS:

Ask the group to discuss Jesus' claims. How does it make them feel? Do all roads lead to Rome – is it true, or is the Christian faith arrogant and elitist?

WARNING: Please be careful. Deal with other religions, philosophies with grace and love.

ACTIVITY:

Use this activity at the appropriate point in the discussion.

Play a game of Call My Bluff or Balderdash. One team needs to try and convince the other team something is true when it is false.

The point is that you can be sincere in your beliefs, but you can be sincerely wrong.

WATCH:

Show one or both of the following film clips.

OPTION 1

A Few Good Men.

Cruise and Nicholson are in court.

Cruise wants to know whether Nicholson ordered a 'code red', Cruise shouts 'I want the truth', Nicholson replies 'You can't handle the truth'.

Shows that the truth is not always believable or pleasant, but above everything it is what we need, even if we don't want it.

OPTION 2

The Truman Show

The film is about an intricate TV soap. But the main character– Truman, lives in the set, his whole life is a lie, he believes it is real life, but the world is watching his every move – a kind of real Big Brother – everyone else is in on it.

Towards the end of the film, he discovers the truth, and tries sailing away. He reaches the end of the 'set' – his world, and walks through a door in the ocean to the real world.

Shows that all is not as we see it – there is a truth, even though our 'experience' suggest there is no God, there is – whether you believe in Jesus or not doesn't determine whether He exists.

[The Matrix could be used to show a similar theme, but your group needs to be relatively old – check the age guidance]

[These are powerful issues that challenge many young peoples' worldviews, what they're taught at school etc. The Way is not politically correct, so be careful and prepare for reaction. Remember grace and love are the best communicators of truth!]

DISCUSS:

Allow time to discuss the issues – it may be that the rest of the session could be spent in meaningful discussion. However, don't allow it to get to arguing or endless philosophical, hypothetical rhetoric.

CD:

Click the colours of the traffic lights to see a progressive description of the truth.

Red – All of us are sinners. [Explain what sin is]

Amber – Sin has consequence, but God has a gift.

Green – Shows how that gift was bought.

Filter – Your response – how to receive the gift.

PRAY:

As with session 5, you may wish to end with challenging group members to respond. See the end of session five for the prayer.