Introduction:
There are 320,000,000 gods in the world today, with 22 major religions, each with half a million followers or more.

The Question:
Why do you think the God of the Bible is the one true God? Is it intellectually feasible that there is only one true God and that God is the God of the Bible?

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it…

Isaiah 44:6-8 (NASB)

Presuppositions:

Presupposition #1: Aren’t all religions essentially the same?
- Answer: No, not all religions lead to the living God.

There are distinctions between all religions in these areas:
- Who God is
- What it means to have a relationship with Him
- What it requires to have a relationship with Him
- What each of the different religions teach

Presupposition #2: Does it really matter what a person believes as long as he or she is sincere and practices those beliefs?

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14 (NASB)
7 Reasons I believe the God of the Bible is the one true God

1. The __________________ evidence
   Christianity is subject to objective verification.
   • Historical events
   • Trustworthiness of biblical records
   • Manuscript evidence
   • Extra-biblical sources
   • Eyewitness accounts of the resurrection

2. The __________________ evidence
   Predictions of specific future events with 100% accuracy confirm authenticity.
   • The Isaiah principle Isaiah 44:24-28
   • The test of a prophet Deuteronomy 18:21-22
   • The fulfillment of hundreds of specific prophecies

3. The __________________ evidence
   The triune nature of God and testimony of Scripture best answer life’s most timeless questions.
   • The problem of unity and diversity
   • The problem of evil and justice
   • The enigma of man
4. The evidence of ______________
   The long-term fruitfulness and greatness of Israel and the Church argues for its truthfulness.
   • The great nation of Israel
   • The great laws of Israel
   • The mustard-seed conspiracy of Jesus
   • The liberation of women, slaves, caste systems, basis of jurisprudence, economic impact, care for the poor, orphans, widows, and the disenfranchised of every age

5. The ______________ evidence
   The teachings of Jesus and the New Testament work in real life!
   • They promote healthy relationships, strong marriages, honest business, positive parenting, racial reconciliation, and cultural kindness and champion the value and dignity of all humans regardless of creed, race, sex, nationality, or orientation.

6. The evidence of ______________
   God’s chief messenger (Jesus) and message (grace) stand in contrast to all religions and religious teaching.
   • The Messenger: Jesus – Deity (John 1:1-18), Sinless (John 12), Creator (Colossians 1:15), Savior (John 3:16), His outrageous claim (John 14:6)
   • The Message: Grace – the unconditional, unmerited love of God toward every human being that compels Him to forgive and reconcile them to Himself (all who are willing) based solely on the work of Christ on the cross, not on any religious performance or righteous works of their own – i.e., “a gift” (Ephesians 2:8-9)
7. The ___________________ evidence

The millions of “changed lives” in the last 2,000 years argue existentially that Jesus is alive and is who He said He is.

- “I was blind, but now I see.”
- “I was lost, but now I’m found.”

Summary: So why don’t people believe?

1. ___________________ Romans 10:14-15
2. ___________________ John 12:42-43
3. _____________ _____________ John 3:18-20

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so important for us as believers to know “why we believe?”

2. Which of the six messages in this series helped you the most? Why?

3. Which aspect of today’s message strengthened your faith the most? Why?

4. What keeps you from believing fully in the God of the Bible…Ignorance? Pride? Moral Problem? What are you going to do about it?