Session 2: Avatars, Yoga, and Nirvana

Overview: This Sunday we continued our collection of talks titled "What's The Difference?". This Sunday we read from Acts 17, where Paul encounters a culture full of different beliefs and spiritual ideas, yet he boldly points people to the one true God through Jesus Christ. As followers of Jesus we must develop a biblical worldview, recognize the difference between Christinanity and other beliefs, and learn to engage others with the truth in gentleness and respect. This means taking the time to understand what others believe, asking meaningful questions, and being prepared to share the hope we have in Jesus. We must know the difference, not to win arguments, but to make a difference by pointing people to Jesus.

Key Scripture:

- **Acts 17:16-34**
- **1 Peter 3:14-16**
- **2 Corinthians 5:20**
- **John 14:6**
- **John 8:58**
- **John 10:30**
- **John 1:1**
- **Psalm 96:5**

Discussion Questions:

1. Read **Acts 17:16-23**. What stands out to you about Paul's response to the different beliefs and idols he encountered in Athens? How did he approach the people?
2. Paul didn't ignore people's beliefs, but he also didn't compromise the truth. How can we show genuine love and respect toward people while standing firm in what we believe?
3. The sermon highlighted four questions every worldview must answer, meaning, morality, origin and destination. Which of these questions do you think people struggle with most today and why?
4. Read **1 Peter 3:15-16**. What does it look like to share your faith with both truth and gentleness? Why do you think those two things need to go together?