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echo: Reactions Night 7



Here you'll find a summary of tonight's talk at echo! Remember, your child needs to turn in 75% of these for the year, come to one Journey Group Sunday per month, and join us for 1 retreat per year (plus the junior retreat their junior year)!

THE TRUTH BETWEEN US: Atheism

What sets Christianity apart from other religions? What is unique about our faith? What can we learn from people who believe differently than us?

Tonight we talked about atheism. "Theism" is the belief in God, so a-theism is the belief that there is no God. Atheists can challenge Christians to pursue truth, to ask hard questions, and to discover more about the world that God made. Atheism pushes Christianity to take the big questions seriously—which is a good thing!

However, sometimes atheism becomes an "easy out" to not have to believe in anything. To not have to think deeply or ask the big questions. But we can grow a lot when we learn from the best of our atheist brothers and sisters have to offer!

Questions for Dialogue with your student:

1. What do you remember from the talk this night at echo?
2. What are some of the things that we can learn from people who are atheist? How can they challenge Christians to be more like Jesus? What do we have in common?
3. Matt challenged us all to ask the question that Jesus asked His disciples in Matthew 16: "Who do you say that I am?" At this point, how would you answer that question? Who would you say Jesus is to you right now?

Reactions

*Write a few notes on your conversation with your student. Your conversation/ notes do NOT need to be limited to the questions listed.