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SERIES	Everyone has questions about God. They can be difficult and overwhelming and stir up doubts inside of us. Let's look for some answers as we investigate The Problem of God, because an informed faith is stronger than an assumed one.

John MacArthur said on the issue of tolerance: “Accepting every belief as equally valid is hardly a real virtue, but it is practically the only kind of virtue postmodernism knows anything about.”

1. Have you ever wrestled with the Problem of exclusivity? Find it difficult to explain to non-believers?
2. Are there others around you that would argue with the exclusive nature of Christianity? What would you say to them?
3. What can we do to push back against the cultural pluralistic views that can dominate society?
4. If other religions are exclusive, why is it that Christianity gets a bad reputation for being exclusive?
5. Is the problem of exclusivity a problem because our faith seems arrogant, or hurtful to those who don't know or understand? Is the problem of exclusivity one of philosophical reason, or a natural emotional response to oppression?
6. Society has become very tolerant of nearly everything. In this age of tolerance, how can Christians stay in the truth and not be seen as bigots? Discuss David's steps to engagement with respect.

Is Christianity exclusive? Yes. Truth claims in **all** religions—including Christianity—are by nature exclusive. Jesus didn't say, “I am *a* way and *a* truth and *a* life; I'm one way to come to the Father.” He said, “I am *the* way and *the* truth and *the* life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (**John 14:6**).