

### **Our Faith in the World**

Video Presented by Anna Lee

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened....”

**Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV)**

“A man came up to Jesus and asked “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?... Jesus replied ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**Matthew 19:16-19 (NIV)**

“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am also fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

**I Corinthians 13:12-13(NIV)**

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Did you choose your path to God as an adult, or were you exposed to Christianity as a child? When and how did you arrive at Cokesbury?
  
2. Matthew 19 tells us to “Love our neighbor as ourselves”. When we love someone, we truly care about them and want to listen to what they have to say, without having our own agenda. What are some questions we could ask someone who has a different religion?

3. The video suggested that “Everybody engaged in a religion of any kind is sincerely seeking to understand and draw near to God. We all are responding to our need to connect with a higher power. Realizing that we are not the end, that there is something bigger.” How does this relate to how you feel, and does it better explain how others might feel?
  
4. Matthew 7:7-11 explains that when we seek God, he will not hide himself from those who seek him. What do these scriptures mean to you, and how have you experienced God in your life?
  
5. As Christians, no matter what denomination, we all believe in Jesus, and desire to follow and love Jesus. The way we can be sure to represent Jesus is to always lead with love. What are some ways we can show love to people who believe differently than we do?
  
6. What step can you take this week to act on Anna’s challenge of getting to know some people or places of worship that are a different religion from yours?