

# Sermon Notes

## WHY?

### *“Why Do I Believe What I Believe and Why Does it Matter?”*

#### Week 3 - "The Exclusivity of Christ"

April 26, 2026

#### Scripture

*1 Peter 3:15, John 14:5-6, Isaiah 53:1-12, Romans 1:18-21, Luke 14:16-24, John 3:18*

#### Key Scripture

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" — **John 14:6**

#### The Nature of Truth

- A Christian knowing why they believe is evidence of a life seeking after God.
- If you have no basis for truth, there is no basis for moral right and wrong.
- Truth is often painful to hear, but that doesn't make it less truthful.
- If a doctor knows surgery is the only answer for cancer, it is an act of love to tell the truth rather than letting you believe any medicine will work.
- "Whenever the challenge is about the person, not the view, you know it's aiming at the wrong target." - Jonathan Noyes

#### The Broad Invitation

- "The exclusivity of Christ is narrow in location but broad in invitation." — Derek Brown
- Denying the truth of God's Word is a denial of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Whenever a challenge is about the person and not the view, it is aiming at the wrong target.

#### Application

Your willingness to share God's love with your neighbors is such a vital part of who we are as a church family. This week, we invite you to:

1. **Pray:** Begin each day asking God to bring someone into your path.
2. **Notice:** Pay close attention to the people you encounter in your daily routine.

3. **Invite:** Whether it is a friend or a stranger, offer a simple invitation to join us at Huntington First.

### Questions for the Week

- **Is Jesus your "way" or just a "suggestion"?** How does your belief in Him as the only way change how you talk to your neighbors?
- **Are you more worried about being "mean" or being helpful?** Are you willing to share the truth with gentleness and respect, even when it is uncomfortable?
- **What is your current excuse?** Is there a "good" thing, like work or family, that is causing you to procrastinate on God's invitation to serve?