

TALL TALES

Tall Tales - Week 1: Myth #1—God is Within You

Connect: Share with your Group some of your favorite “Tall Tales” from your childhood.

Grow

1. **Read 1 Timothy 1:3-4 and 4:7.** What are some commonly embraced myths that you have gotten into discussions/arguments about?
2. What has historically been your answer to the question, “Who is your authority?” You or the Creator?
3. “Distinctions are evidence of a Creator.” What are some *distinctions* commonly argued about in our culture today? How do we engage with people who are opposed to Godly distinctions?
4. Scott said, “Distinctions clarify the goodness of God’s intentions for us.” In what distinctions have you personally experienced God’s goodness?
5. “Where distinctions are destroyed, chaos ensues.” Where have you experienced chaos as a result of the destruction of Godly distinctions?
6. Historically have your beliefs been more *Epicurean* (the goal of life was to seek modest pleasure and inner peace) or *Stoic* (denial of the power of external circumstances and an elevation of the power we have within ourselves)? How does Jesus prove both of these ideas incomplete?
7. Why does it even matter that we are talking about this? (Hint...The reason this matters is that all of us have to determine how we are going to go to deal with 3 things: Sin, Suffering, and Salvation.)

Pray: Scott ends his message with all eyes on Jesus... “*Jesus* becomes our sin, removes our sin and forgives our sin. *Jesus* suffered so that one day we won’t suffer anymore. There will be no more death, no more crying, no more pain. *Jesus* is our salvation. He is the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father, except through Him.” Pray the Spirit would open the eyes of your heart to see Jesus more clearly this week.

Next: Get together this week with some friends and discuss further whether you fall into the “one-ism,” or “two-ism” category. What beliefs or issues have lead to that? For further clarity, you can purchase Peter Jones book, *One or Two: Seeing a World of Difference*.