Mis-Understanding | The way culture views christianity.

- Is Christianity Irrational -

Ice-Breaker:

- **What has been your own debate/wrestling when it comes to truth and faith?**

Discussion:

4 Misconceptions about faith in God…

1. **"Faith" means believing things for no good reason.** The Christian understanding of life did not grow by avoiding rational consideration, it grew by inviting rational consideration.
   - **Read Acts 17:16-33 and discuss Paul's motivation in engaging in rational debate with the leading thinkers in Athens. What were the results?**

2. **You can't believe in science and believe in God.** The declaration that science is the only arbiter of truth is not itself a scientific finding - it's a statement of faith. Christians above all people have an obligation to fearlessly and humbly follow truth, in every sphere, in every discipline, wherever it leads.
   - **Read Romans 1:18-21. How does our response to God's revelation affect our ability to perceive truth?**
   - **Read and discuss 2 Peter 1:5.**

3. **No one can really know moral or spiritual truth, so agnosticism is the best response.** The problem is that the statement: *"It is always wrong to make moral judgments"* is a moral judgment. It refutes its own self. Knowing right from wrong is essential to our humanity.
   - **Read Luke 1:4; 1 Corinthians 8:1-3; 1 Corinthians 13:9,12; John 8:31-32. What is the Biblical attitude to searching for truth?**

4. **Christianity is about being right.** We are not here to show everybody that we're right. We're here to show everybody God's love.
   - **Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 8:1-3**

Application:

- Where are you not living up to what you know? In other words, where might your future self come back to you and say *"you knew better"* (your finances, family, work, words, time, money, sexuality, etc)?
- What steps will you take to make changes in the above arena?