



Every Nation Update India (Phillip) | Small Group Discussion

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An Idol or false god can be anything that you put in the place of the one true God. Acts 17:29, "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill."
2. What is one of the differences Phillip mentioned between the Bible and Hinduism?
Jesus' name is in the Hindu Bible, but their god's names are not in the Christian Bible.
3. What is the caste system in India? Which caste system do Christians normally fall in and what challenges does that create?
The caste system divides Hindus into rigid groups by lifestyle, occupation, and social status. Often if one becomes a Christian in this part of the world they would belong to the lower class. Others may not associate with them at all.
4. How is Christianity viewed in India and what does that mean for the Christians who live there?
Most believe that India belongs to Hinduism and anyone that does not follow that belief does not belong. Christianity is viewed as an alien religion.

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Just hearing the Word (Audible) there are those who accept that Jesus is who he says he is (The Son of God).
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