



What does Scientology teach ?

The question above came from Violet during our vacation last month. While we were in California we took a tour of Hollywood. We got to see where some of the celebrities live. While speeding past John Travolta's mansion our tour guide told us that Mr. Travolta is a Scientologist. He then went on to tell us that Scientology is the trendy "religion" in Hollywood. As evidence of that, our guide told us that roughly 25% of the movies coming from Hollywood are produced by people who are "into" Scientology.

As I did some research to find details about specific beliefs on Scientology, I remembered how many times I've fielded questions about what other groups believe, groups like the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mormons, Muslims, Jews, Unitarians, etc...

There was a time not that long ago (40 years maybe) when the vast majority of people in our country were Christians. But today we are increasingly exposed to people who don't believe what we do. God has told us that we should not be surprised about the increase of "false teachings." He has also told us that we who know the truth need to share it with those who don't ("The Gospel truth" didn't get to be a cliché by accident). But before we can share Jesus with people of other beliefs, it is helpful to know the basics of their beliefs.

With that in mind, I decided now would be a good time to take a look at the beliefs of some of these groups. So, for six weeks, beginning Sunday, September 10, we will do just that in our 9:15 Adult Forum.

Our goal won't be to simply give you information about the beliefs of different groups, but to point out where those beliefs differ from Christianity, and ultimately to give us some insights about responding to real people we meet who believe (or are attracted to) what these groups teach.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

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