



6. Mending Relationships, Mending the World

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The first part of the video discusses some stereotypes about the other that have been widely held in the Jewish and Christian communities. For example, an enduring Christian caricature of Judaism is that it is more concerned about law than about people, while a recurrent Jewish viewpoint is that Christianity has weakened Judaism's emphasis on the Oneness of God. What might you say to your Christian or Jewish dialogue partner to clarify your own tradition's perspectives and practices on any of these subjects?
2. What problematic ideas about your own tradition have you experienced in your faith community? What ideas about itself do you think your own community needs to examine?
3. Prof. Lee suggested that people have to know their own faith tradition well before they dialogue with another one, lest they give poor answers to questions that might be posed. Sr. Boys, however, observed how much interreligious dialogue increases participants' understandings of their own religious community. How do these two thoughts relate? What have been your own experiences while discussing how the Jewish and Christian communities "walk God's paths"?
4. The video concluded with Prof. Levine comparing the Jewish *halakhah* and the Christian *hodos* as two ways that are leading toward the same future. How could the Christian and Jewish communities in your town or region work together to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God?
5. As the WALKING GOD'S PATHS process draws to a close, what would you most want your Jewish or Christian dialogue partner to understand about your faith community? What subjects do you wish you could have discussed?