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# **Journey to Jesus**

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# The Goal and Purpose of Life

- ▶ To experience God's love
  - ▶ To be a child of God - knowing and loving God and being known and loved by God
  - ▶ To share God's love with others

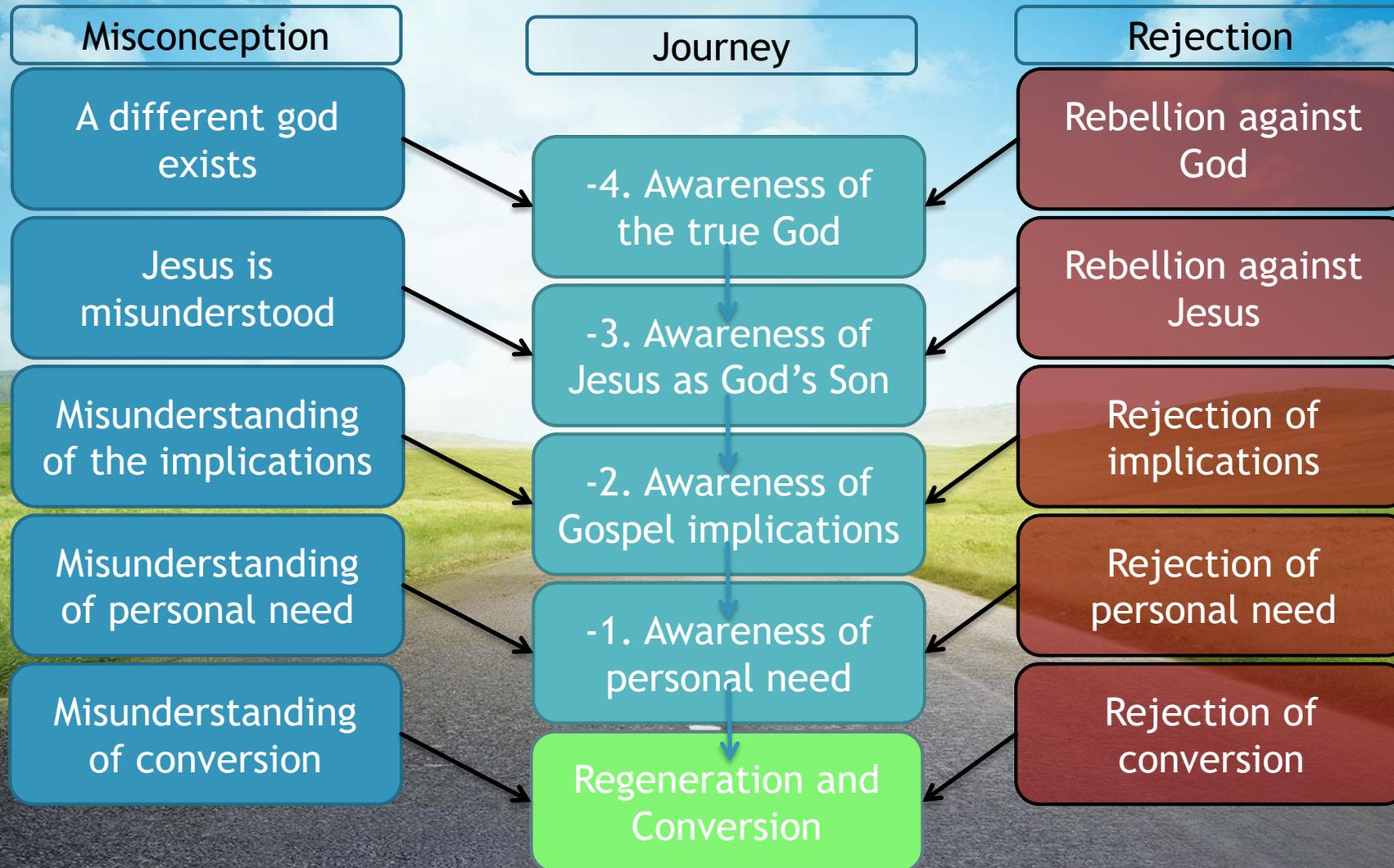
Where are you on the path to achieving this goal and how do you grow closer?

# Journey To Jesus

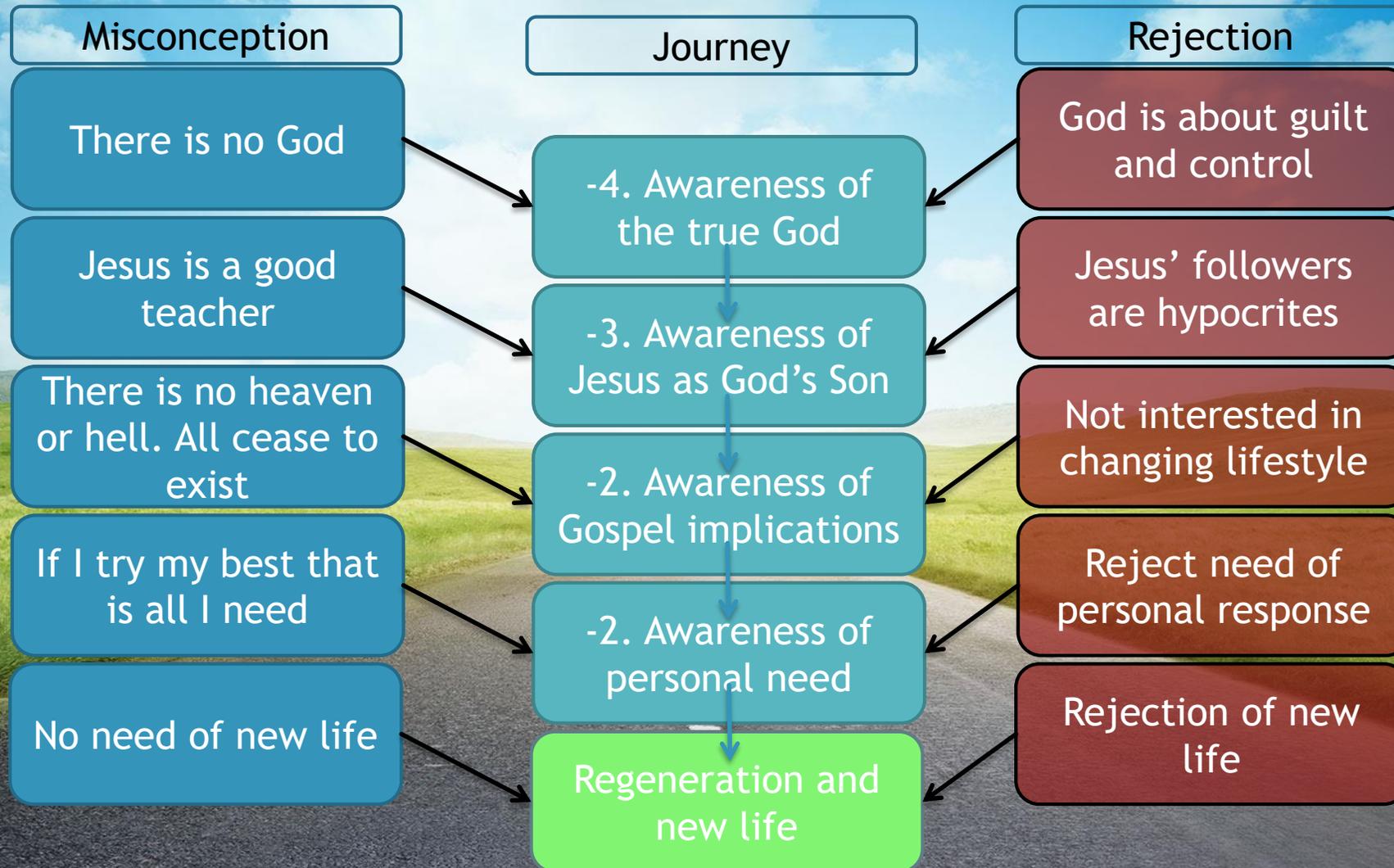
- 4. • -4. Know God exists
- 3. • -3. Know Jesus is God
- 2. • -2. Know good news of Jesus
- 1. • -1. Know personal need of forgiveness
- 0. • 0. Experience Salvation, New Life in Jesus
- 1. • 1. Spiritual Children
- 2. • 2. Young Men/Women - Discipleship - training
- 3. • 3. Spiritual Parents - Reduplication - Make disciples

Jesus

# Stetzer Evangelism Journey



# Atheist Journey



# Belief and Relationship

-4 - Don't Believe

-3 - Believe Some

-2 - Believe More

-1 - Understand Need

0 - Entrust life

-4 - Don't know about

-3 - Heard about

-2 - Know about

-1 - Met

0 - Personal friend,  
adopted

# Step 1: Does God Exist?

- ▶ How do you know?
- ▶ How can anyone really know?

# God Exists

## Jesus claimed to be God - Mark 14:62

Mark 14:61-63 - Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. “You have heard the blasphemy.

John 10:33 - “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

## Either a liar, lunatic or Lord of All

# Liar, Lunatic or Lord of All

1. Liar - he knew he wasn't God but said he was and deceived others. Then he is worse than the devil.
  - ▶ But he did amazing miracles, gave up his life out of love, and he **ROSE FROM THE DEAD!**
2. Lunatic - he thought that he was God but he wasn't. He was crazy.
  - ▶ But he taught with great wisdom and he **ROSE FROM THE DEAD!**

# Lord of All!

▶ Clearly his claim to be God fits the evidence

# Did he rise from the dead?

1. The tomb is empty
2. We know what tomb he was buried in  
(Joseph of Arimathea's - Mark 15:43-46)
  - ▶ Not an unknown shallow grave
3. Either someone took him out, or he came out by himself

# Who could have taken him out?

## 1. Romans or Jewish leaders?

- ▶ If they did, they could have produced the body when followers of Jesus said he rose from the dead. That would have ended it.

## 2. Disciples?

- ▶ If they did, they would not die for a lie. All were put to death defending the resurrection of Jesus. People will die for something they believe, not for something they know is a lie.

# Jesus came

- ▶ Swoon theory
- ▶ Not buried
- ▶ Buried in  
of door
- ▶ Roman soldiers



# Jesus rose from the dead!

- ▶ He willingly died to pay the price for our sins. - Romans 6:23 - the wages of sin is death
- ▶ He is God and death could not hold him down! Matthew 28:1-10
- ▶ He rose from the dead and destroyed death (2 Timothy 1:10)

# Evidence says

1. God exists

2. Jesus is God

▶ What are you going to do in response?

▶ Believe and trust in him as God!

▶ Tell others about Jesus!