

Group Work – Western Religions

Each person in the group takes one of the tasks below and records the findings from their research. Then, as a group, answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

Video or Reading	Main points of video or reading	How is philanthropy demonstrated?
Philanthropy and Religion video		
Judaism reading		
Christianity reading		
Islam reading		

Reflection Questions to discuss:

1. What do all of these faiths have in common?
2. Philanthropy means "love of humanity" in Greek. Many of these faiths equate giving with knowing the love of God. How does your own faith or spiritual practice relate service to love? Can one be philanthropic without religion?
3. Reading these religious texts from several faiths, is there hope that mankind can get along better in the future? Considering such similarities, why do you think conflicts persist between different faiths?

