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## RESONATE MAGAZINE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Use these discussion questions to dig deeper into the articles in your small group, church gathering or personal reflection.

### Monks discover true enlightenment

1. Discuss what you know about Buddhism (for a relevant article see [www.globalinteraction.org.au/resources/articles.aspx](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/resources/articles.aspx) - Buddhism Encounter)
2. What Bible stories/passages would you share with someone who was just beginning to discover Jesus? How did someone first share the story with you?
3. Have you experienced God through dreams? Why are there more stories of this occurring in the developing world?
4. How might consumerism and globalisation affect Buddhist monks (E.g. ipods and mobile phones)?
5. How relevant is the concept of karma for Australians?
6. What are the similarities and differences between Buddhism and Christianity?
7. What is your reaction to the statement: *“There is a tension point because they [Buddhists] try to escape life, whereas Christians have been given the answer to life through Jesus. They have a great respect for Jesus’ teaching, but the church is the problem.”*
8. What has caused the Asian church to ‘become very western’? What is the alternative?
9. Locals think that if you become Christian you need to give up your Asian-ness. How might it be the same for Australians?
10. Can you predict what some future challenges might be for a Tee and Zom?
11. Do you believe a follower of Jesus can study at a Buddhist university? Why/why not?
12. What issues would it raise if a monk becomes a follower of Jesus?

