

Holy Envy  
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Book Group Outline

*“Once, at the end of a field trip to the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam, the imam ended his meeting with students by saying, ‘Our deepest desire is not that you become Muslim, but that you become the best Christian, the best Jew, the best person you can be. In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. Thank you for coming.’ Then he was gone, leaving me with a fresh case of holy envy.” BBT*

These are guidelines and are not rigid! Come and enjoy! There will be plenty to discuss but the questions to ponder will get you started in reflecting on the book and your own spiritual journey.

Week	Read	Questions to ponder
9/27/2023	Introduction, Chapter 1	Have you encountered other religions? How would you describe your relationship with religion?
10/4/2023	Chapters 2, 3, 4	How did you come to believe what you believe? How would you define God?
10/11/2023	Chapters 5, 6, 7	What part of other religions do you envy? What makes you Christian?
10/18/2023	Chapters 8, 9, 10	How does being Christian change the way you live? What does it mean to love your neighbor of other faiths?
10/25/2023	Chapters 11, 12, Epilogue	In your own spiritual journey, what kind of certainty has remained important to you and what kind has not? How has this book challenged you?