

Discussion Guide

Series: *What Happens When I Die?, wk3 Hell*

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Big Idea

God is for us, NOT against us!



Icebreaker

When you think of Hell as a place (which it is), what are the images that come to mind and why do you think that is?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 10:28. A common thought people have, or have had, is this: *“How can a loving God send someone to Hell?”*. Have you ever personally wrestled with this question? If so, what helped (if anything) to bring some resolution to it? Have you encountered others who do wrestle with that question and if so were you able to help and if so, how? As we consider this in light of the above passage read, why is it important to consult more of our Bible regarding Hell than just this verse?
2. A point in the sermon was this: *The loving response to disobedience is punishment*. Do you tend to agree with this statement? If so, why? The sermon shared two views of God, a God of justice & a God of mercy. Often, we lean toward a predominant view of Him while He is perfectly *“Both, And”*. Which of the two views do you predominately have of God & why? What is healthy about your predominate view? What is unhealthy about your predominate view?
3. Read Ezekiel 18:30-32 and 2 Peter 3:8-9. In what ways do these passages communicate to us that *“God is for us, NOT against us!”*? Have you ever considered, or read Ezekiel 18:30-32, with the thought of the tone from God being one where He is more pleading with us to do things like *“Repent!”* than yelling at us? Why is considering this alternative tone perhaps healthy?
4. Read Matthew 25:41. Who is Hell (the eternal fire) prepared for? How can knowing that be encouraging to us (humanity)?
5. Read the following set of verses and fill in the blanks associated with them which describe what Hell will be like. 1) Matthew 13:42, 49: A___ish. 2) Revelation 20:14: L___ of F___. 3) John 5:28-29: C_____tion. 4) 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9: E_____ punishment & s_____ from God.

SUMMARY: Hell is in reality separation from love, hope, peace, joy, and a___thing that is g___d.



Concluding Question

Read Psalm 49:13-15. There is one way to permanently erase Hell from your future. What is it? Any thoughts on how we can effectively and appropriately share the realities of Hell with non-believers and combat all-too-common questions like, *“How can a loving God send someone to Hell?”*?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Pray for peace instead of the strife & conflict we see across the globe. Specifically, amongst the Israelites, Palestinians, Iranians, and the Lebanese. And the Ukrainians and Russians.