

What God Says About Hell

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Key Truth:

Hell is the Place of Everlasting, Conscious Torment for everyone who, either actively or passively, has Rejected the Salvation found in Jesus Christ.

Many people in our day are confused about hell. Some think hell is only for “bad” people. But that’s not true. Even “good” people go to hell. Others turn hell into a Joke, and make light of it. That’s not good either. What does God say about hell?

DISCUSS

Read **Luke 16:19-31** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on “What God Says About Hell.”

DIG IN

1. Hell is a Real Place (Luke 16:19-23)

From Luke 16:19-23, share some details that you notice from the text that suggest hell is a real place and not an imaginary place.

Why do you think some tend to see hell as a metaphor or a figment of one’s imagination?

Why is it important to admit the reality of hell?

2. Hell is an Everlasting Place... (Luke 16:24-25)

...of conscious torment & anguish, of heat & fire, and of God’s righteous wrath.

Read Luke 16:24-25 (see also Matthew 13:40-42): Describe the conscious torment the “rich man” experiences. Isn’t this simply describing emotional or spiritual torment? Why or why not?

Read Romans 2:6-8: In what ways do human beings rightly deserve God’s righteous wrath? Can you think of other places in the Bible that supports your conclusions?

3. Hell is an Inescapable Place (Luke 16:26)

In the parable, Jesus describes a condition in which no one can pass from Hades to “Abraham’s side” and vice versa. How does this also describe the inescapability of hell?

In what ways does this negate the Roman Catholic doctrine of Purgatory?

4. Hell is an Avoidable Place (Luke 16:27-31)

How can we know that hell is avoidable?

What does it take to avoid hell?

DO

Take time to share with the group your salvation story and God’s grace to you in bringing salvation and enabling you to avoid hell’s destiny.