

Series: For All Eternity, a study in Revelation

Sermon: "...away from the presence of the Lord..."

Primary Text: Revelation 20:11-15

Discussion guide:

- What are some images that come to mind when you think of hell?
- Why do you think God created hell?
- In scripture Jesus speaks of hell the most, why do you think that is?
- Read Revelation 20:11-15
 - What does this text tell us about this place?
- Read Matthew 25:41 (and surrounding verses if desired)
 - How does Jesus describe hell here?
 - Why is the statement from Jesus "Depart from my presence" so startling? (compare with Matthew 11:28, John 15:4; Matthew 4:19)
 - Read 2 Thessalonians 1:9 – What does Paul tell us about hell here?
 - Read James 1:17 & Matthew 5:45 – What do these passages tell us about being away from the presence of God?
 - What do you look forward to in heaven? Why should we look forward to God's presence most?
- Read Matthew 13:41-42, 25:41, & Mark 9:43-48
 - How does Jesus describe hell here?
 - How does the descriptor of fire associate with being away from the presence of God?
 - Consider Jesus statements about water in John 4:13-14 & Revelation 21:6 – what does this say about hell?
 - What are your burning desires and how are they a version of your desire for the Lord?
- Read Matthew 8:12, 22:13, and 25:30
 - How does Jesus describe hell here?
 - How does the descriptor of outer darkness associate with being away from the presence of God?
 - Consider John's descriptions of Jesus in John 1:5 & 9 as well as Jesus' statement in John 8:12. What does this tell you about hell?
 - How does sin isolate us from God, others, and ourselves? Do you have any isolating behaviors right now?
- Why is it important for Jesus followers to know about hell?