

Questions For God Part 2: What is Hell Really Like?

Objective: To encourage us to share the love of Jesus with everyone we know.

Read together:

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Matthew 25:41-46

- When you think of Hell, what ideas or images come to mind? Where do you think most of those ideas came from?
- Frequently, well meaning people try to redefine or erase Hell altogether. Why do you think most people are so uncomfortable with the concept of Hell? What are some ways you have (or have seen others) try to soften the idea of Hell?
- If it's true that God doesn't send people to Hell, but honors their freedom to choose, what does that say about God?
- Based on this week's message, what do you think is our responsibility to let people know about the reality of Hell and the love of Jesus.
- Think carefully, do you love people enough to tell them the truth about Jesus and the consequences of our choices or are you more concerned about avoiding 'socially awkward situations?'
- The pastor quoted Penn Jillette as saying, “*How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?*” How does his quote impact you?

Final Thought: Jesus believed and taught the reality of a literal Hell. If we truly love others the way Jesus loved them, how much are we willing to do in order to help them avoid Hell and find life with Jesus?

