

Ice Breaker:

Why do you think churches have been teaching about heaven and hell less & less often in the last few decades?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-53 In talking about the resurrection of our bodies, and how they will be different, what are you hoping will be different about yours? The same?

Read 2 Peter 3: 8-9

What one thing are we not supposed to forget?

(God is waiting to destroy the earth, because he wants to give us all a chance to repent.)

What is involved in "the promise" of God?

Not just heaven, but that our good deeds will be rewarded. That God will fulfill what he said.

That we will see him. (Future stuff).

What is a requirement to see and obtain it? Repentance (now stuff).

Read 2 Peter 3: 10-13

In verse 10 it says, "The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare."

Question; Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? (holy, godly, and blameless spotless and at peace with God (as the scripture says).

What do we typically work on to grow as christians? Have you ever worked at being holy and godly, blameless and at peace with God?

What are you looking forward to about the new heaven and new earth?

Now read verses 14-18

According to verse 14, what should be our motivation for living out the christian life?

(The proper motivation?)

What do you need to do to be prepared for this day?

Optional if time permits:

Read Romans 8:18-20

Who subjected the creation to frustration? Why would God subject his creation to frustration? (verse 21) What do you think this means?

Read 31-39

Has any of this passage changed it's meaning for you know that there is an awareness that God created this earth to be a frustration for us to draw us near to him?