

## Ever Wonder Why? A Voice From Hell

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

*"If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell."*  
Matthew 5:29 NIV

*"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'" Luke 16:19-24 NIV*

*"... 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'" Luke 16:27-28 NIV*

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.*  
Romans 5:8-9 NLT

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*  
2 Peter 3:9 NIV

#### Other Key Scriptures:

Jeremiah 7:31 NIV; Revelation 20:10 NIV;  
2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 NIV; Romans 3:23 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What were some crazy fears you had when you were a kid?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What impacted you most from this message and why?
- What are some initial thoughts that come to mind when you think about hell?
- Read **2 Peter 3:9**. How does knowing God doesn't want anyone to perish impact the way you view Him?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- One reason hell exists is for God to righteously punish Satan, who is the embodiment of all evil. Talk about any area of your life that the enemy might be trying to steal, kill, or destroy.
- God is holy and just, which means He must punish sin. How can you find freedom from sin and hope in Jesus today?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, we are so thankful for the abundant grace, mercy, and love You've shown us through Jesus. We know hell exists because You need to punish Satan and evil. Please use us to help others know You and experience Your perfect love. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Think of one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus. Commit to praying for them for seven days, and share about this experience with your LifeGroup.
- Start the *Ever Wonder Why?* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/everwonderwhy](http://www.go2.lc/everwonderwhy)
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.