



**May 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> | Craig Smith: The Problem of God and Hell (Matt. 11:21-24; 13:41-42)**

1. What is something in particular that stood out to you from this message?
2. What picture comes to mind when you hear the word “hell” and why?

//Read Matthew 11:21-24 and 13:41-42//

3. From these two parts of the bible, what would you say hell is?
  - a. Are there other Scriptures that you can think of that would tell you more about hell?
  - b. If you had to define hell, what would you say and how would you support it with Scripture?
4. What do you make of the reality of God’s love and the seemingly contradictory reality of hell?

***The people most opposed to the idea of hell are often those least impacted by evil here on earth.***

5. Consider Luke 11:21-24. What do you think of the idea that hell will be worse for some than for others?
  - a. Conversely, what do you think of the idea that heaven will be better for some than for others? (See 2 Cor. 12:2-4; Matt. 16:27, 25:14-30)
  - b. How would you explain these two ideas to someone unfamiliar with them?
6. What do you make of the statement: “Hell is self-imposed exile from the God of light and love?”

***A truly good and loving God can neither deprive his creation of justice nor force his children into relationship.***

7. Do you think that hell is a just consequence for sin? Why or why not?
8. Is there a takeaway from this message that will help you honor God and extend his influence?

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