

Heaven & Hell

Small Group Series & Study Guide

Small Group Guide:

Heaven & Hell, Week 10

Key Takeaways:

- 1. Three Main Views on Hell:**
 - a. Universalists:** Believe everyone eventually goes to heaven.
 - b. Conditionalists:** Believe unsaved souls are annihilated, not eternally punished.
 - c. Traditionalists:** Believe in eternal conscious punishment for those who reject Christ.
- 2. Biblical Truth:** Man's body is mortal, but the soul is immortal.
- 3. The Reality:** Hell is real, and our eternal destiny is sealed at death—there are no second chances.
- 4. The Urgency:** We need to share the gospel with others, especially our loved ones.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Before this video, which of the three views (universalism, conditionalism, or traditionalism) were you most familiar with?** Why do you think that is?
2. **1 Timothy 6:15-16 says "God alone is immortal" (cannot die).** How does this differ from saying human souls aren't immortal? Why is this distinction important?
3. **Read 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 and Revelation 20:10 together.** What do these passages teach us about the nature of eternal punishment?
4. **Sometimes we're afraid of offending people or coming across as fanatics when sharing about Jesus.** Have you experienced this fear? What holds you back from sharing the gospel?
5. **How does understanding the reality of hell change the way you view:**
 - a. Your own salvation?
 - b. Your relationships with unsaved family and friends?
 - c. Your daily priorities?
6. **Many people struggle with the concept of a loving God allowing eternal punishment.** How would you respond to someone who says, "A good God wouldn't send people to hell"?
7. **Conditionalists argue that eternal punishment seems disproportionate to a finite life of sin.** What biblical truths help address this concern?

Practical Application:

1. **If you have any doubt about your salvation,** settle it this week.

2. **Make a list of 3-5 people in your life who don't know Jesus.** Begin praying for them daily by name.
 - a. **Reach out to one person on your list this week**—not necessarily to share the gospel yet, but to strengthen the relationship and show Christ's love.
3. **Do a personal study of what Jesus Himself said about hell** (Matthew 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 13:40-42; 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31).

Closing Prayer:

1. **Assurance:** Anyone in the group who needs greater confidence in their salvation.
2. **Boldness:** Courage to share Jesus with others despite fear of rejection.
3. **Opportunities:** That God would open doors for gospel conversations this week.
4. **Loved Ones:** The specific people each person named who need to know Jesus.
5. **Compassion:** Hearts that are broken for the lost, as Jesus' heart is broken.

5-Day Devotion: The Eternal Soul

Day 1: The Reality of Eternity

Reading: Revelation 20:10-15

Devotional: Scripture is clear: our souls are immortal, created to exist forever. This reality should shape how we live today. The lake of fire isn't a metaphor or temporary punishment—it's eternal separation from God. But God doesn't desire this for anyone. He sent Jesus to provide escape from this destiny.

Today, examine your heart honestly. Are you absolutely certain of your salvation? There's no shame in uncertainty, only danger in ignoring it. God's love compels Him to warn us about hell because He

desperately wants us in heaven. Your soul will exist somewhere forever. The question isn't if you'll live eternally, but where. Make certain today.

Day 2: God Alone Cannot Die

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Devotional: Only God is truly immortal—incapable of death. Yet He created our souls to exist forever, either in His presence or separated from Him. This passage doesn't teach that souls can be destroyed; rather, it emphasizes God's unique nature as the eternal, self-existent One. We are mortal beings with immortal souls—a profound mystery.

Because God cannot die, He alone can grant eternal life. Because our souls cannot cease to exist, our choices have permanent consequences. The same God who "alone is immortal" offers to share His eternal life with you through Jesus Christ. Don't build your theology on misunderstandings. Build your hope on the God who conquered death and offers you everlasting life in His presence.

Day 3: Forever Means Forever

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Devotional: "Eternal destruction" doesn't mean annihilation—it means everlasting separation from God's glorious presence. The word "eternal" appears repeatedly in Scripture, describing both heaven's joys and hell's torments. We cannot pick and choose which eternities to believe. If heaven lasts forever, so does hell. This sobering truth should ignite urgency in our hearts.

People around us—family, friends, coworkers—are one heartbeat away from an unchangeable eternity. There are no second chances after death. Your eternal destiny is sealed the moment you die. This isn't meant to terrify you into faith, but to awaken you to reality. God's judgment is real, but so is His mercy. Today, choose life. Choose Jesus.

Day 4: The Urgency of Sharing Christ

Reading: Ezekiel 33:1-11

Devotional: God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He desires all to turn and live. Yet He's placed the responsibility of warning others squarely on our shoulders. We fear offending people, appearing fanatical, or damaging relationships. But imagine standing in eternity, meeting someone you knew who's in hell, asking why you never told them about Jesus. Your discomfort now cannot compare to their suffering then.

Love compels us to speak truth, even uncomfortable truth. You don't need to be aggressive or condemning—just honest. Share what Jesus has done for you. Tell them hell is real and heaven is available. Their soul is immortal. Where it spends eternity may depend on your willingness to overcome fear and speak up today.

Day 5: Settling It Once and For All

Reading: Romans 10:9-13

Devotional: Uncertainty about salvation is dangerous. You don't have to wonder if you're saved. God's Word is clear: confess Jesus as Lord, believe God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved. Notice it doesn't say "might be" or "could be"—it says "will be." Salvation isn't complicated; it's simple faith in Jesus Christ.

If you've been attending church for years but never truly surrendered your life to Christ, today is your day. No one needs to know your past uncertainty. What matters is your present decision. Your soul is immortal. When you die, you'll go somewhere. Make absolutely certain today that you belong to Jesus. Call on His name. He promises that everyone who does will be saved. Settle it now, then live boldly for Him.