

Small Group Study Guide

one minute
after you die

The Reality of Hell
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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we believe You are good. Thank You for giving us choice. Thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You for access to You and Your love and grace forever. Inspire us to love everyone we can with Your practical grace and truth that promises eternal life. Amen!

SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 2:8

8 You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed.



INTRODUCTION

In our culture, many people dismiss hell as some mythological remnant from the past. But as Jesus followers we should not dismiss hell so easily. Why? Because Jesus spoke and taught about hell. So if there is a hell, what purpose would it serve?

According to scripture there are several reasons hell exists. 1) So God can deal righteously with the Devil, 2) So God can work out His justice, 3) and finally hell is an essential part of God's plan for us to have free will. God doesn't send people to hell, people choose not to follow God. In order to avoid eternal separation from God, we simply need to accept God's invitation to be forgiven through Christ. We are saved by God's grace through Jesus.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Where have most of your views of Hell come from?
- 2) What are some reasons you or others struggle to believe Hell exists?
- 3) Do you believe that Satan is real or just an embodiment of evil?
- 4) We are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ. We do nothing to save ourselves; all we do is put our faith in Jesus. Those that put their faith in the saving work of Jesus will enter the Kingdom. But what about people who did not have the opportunity to know about Jesus? Do you think God's grace and saving work of Jesus will cover them as well?
- 5) During the sermon, Pastor Eric said "God doesn't send people to hell, but people choose not to follow God." Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

FINAL APPLICATION

What's the first practical step you can take this week to live, love, and serve with eternity in mind?!