



Today's Study: Is it true that a loving God would exclude people from heaven?

Going Deeper: questions for discussion with family, friends, Life Group, or for personal reflection.

Sunday Review:

Reflecting on this week's message from the Word, what challenged you the most? Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before? Was there anything that you still do not understand? (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions.)

- Read Matthew 25 and note all the things it says about heaven and hell.
- Read Luke 16:19-31. Reflect on what this parable teaches about heaven and hell. According to verses 30 & 31 what is the solution to this problem?
- Will there be degrees of punishment in hell? (see Matt 11:21-24, Luke 12:46-48)
- According to Hebrews 9:27, will anyone receive a "second chance" after death?
- Read Romans 9:2,3. How can you have that kind of burden for the lost? What might you do to get that?
- If you were to describe an eternity separated from God (read 2 Thess 1:9) and all that He created good, what word picture would you use to do so? What would be the worst part about being excluded from the presence of the Lord?
- Who do you know who has, to date, rejected God? Will you pray for them right now? Commit to praying for them each day this week. How can you help them get to the place where they accept a relationship with God through Christ?

Resources for further study:

(The following resources are offered to help you think through this issue. The provision of this list does not imply the full support of everything you may read on these sites or in these books.)

Books:

- Alcorn, Randy (2009) *If God is Good*, chapter 29 (in Church library)
- Beckwith, Francis J. & Greg Koukl (1998) *Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air*
- Campbell-Jack & McGrath, eds. (2006) *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, pp. 252-255; 548-551 (in Church library)
- Chan, Francis, (2011) *Erasing Hell*
- Craig, William Lane (2008) *Reasonable Faith*, Chapters 1, 7, 8 (in Church library)
- Craig, William Lane and Miester, Chad (2009), *God is Great, God is Good*, Chapter 10
- Erickson, Millard (1985) *Christian Theology*, pp. 1223-1248 (in Church library)
- Keller, Timothy (2008) *The Reason for God*, Chapter 1, 5 (in Church library in audio book)
- Strobel, Lee (2000) *The Case for Faith*, Chapter 5 (in Church library)

Website Articles:

- http://www.redeemer.com/news_and_events/articles/the_importance_of_hell.html
- <http://carm.org/hell>
- <http://bible.org/article/what-bible-says-about-hell>

Prayer Items:

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