

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS for 11-22-15

“THE TRUTH ABOUT HEAVEN & HELL”

Revelation 20 & 21

GETTING TO KNOW ME

* Did you grow up believing in a literal Heaven & Hell? How did it impact you?

INTO THE BIBLE

- 1) Read Matthew 5:21-22, 29-30, 10:26-28, 25:40-46. Why do you think Jesus spoke so often about Hell?
- 2) Read Revelation 20:10-15. What is being described here? What is “*The Lake of Fire*”? Is it eternal?
- 3) Discuss: How can God be loving if there is an eternal Hell?
- 4) Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10. How does Paul describe the final judgment and the final state of the wicked?
- 5) Discuss: What should we be teaching our children and grandchildren about Hell?
- 6) Read Matthew 11:20-24. Discuss: Will there be degrees of reward and punishment in Heaven and Hell? Why? Why not? (cf Wayne Grudem; *Systematic Theology*; chapters 56 & 57)
- 7) Read Revelation 21:1-18. How does John describe the New Earth?
- 8) Read John 14:1-4. What is the “place” Jesus is preparing for us? Evidence?
- 9) Discuss: What excites you the most about the New Earth?
- 10) Read Matthew 7:13-14, John 14:6. Discuss: Is Jesus really the ONLY path to eternal life?
- 11) Read 2 Peter 3:11-13. How should the doctrine of last things impact us? Discuss.

APPLICATION

* Discuss the statement by theologian Miroslav Volf, “*God is not loving in spite of his wrath; He is loving because of His wrath*” Free of Charge (Zondervan)

“Family Focus” Community Group questions for 11/22/15

Parents, we are pleased to include this family-oriented section to the Community Group questions. Our goal is to assist you in taking what you have learned through the sermon and discussed in your group and “bring it home” to your family.

1. Read John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27; 22:1-5. Discuss what these verses tell us about heaven.
2. Though it is a difficult topic to discuss, the Bible also speaks about hell and the lake of fire (see Luke 16:22-24; Revelation 20:10, 14-15).
What do these descriptions of judgment tell us about our sin and God’s view of it?
3. These topics provide a wonderful opportunity to share the message of God’s saving grace through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Here are a few key verses:
 - Romans 3:23
 - Romans 6:23
 - Romans 10:12-17
 - John 3:16
 - Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Acts 4:12
 - Acts 20:21

A good resource is “Leading Your Child to Jesus” by David Staal.