



Discussion Guide for “Who Goes to Hell?”

Burning Questions Week 5

We say God is Love but what about Hell? Do people who don't know God really get tortured for all eternity? If someone prays right before they die, are they safe no matter what? How is that fair when good people who never heard about God suffer forever? Is it possible we've got Hell all wrong? How could Hell actually be good news?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is Luke 16:19-31.

Questions for Discussion

1. When you think of Hell, what comes to mind? Where do your images of Hell come from?
2. Does the idea of Hell affect your view of God? Discuss
3. Sonya explored how the concept of Hell evolved from a general 'grave' where all the dead go to a place of punishment for the wicked. Does that surprise you?
4. Compare the stories of the rich man and Lazarus and that of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus. How does each illustrate the reality of Hell?
5. Sonya told us that Hell is God's answer to unrepentant injustice. Is this how you think of Hell? Does it change your view of God (or of Hell)?
6. As we spend the next few weeks exploring God's posture toward sin and salvation, what questions do you have?