

1) What happens after I die? (v.11-12)

- Everyone will face God in judgment.
- Some will go to Heaven.
- Some will go to Hell.

When did you first begin to think about life after death? Have you formed ideas about life after death that were not based on God's Word?

2) What is hell? (v.14-15)

- Hell is the second death. (Rev. 20:14)
- Hell is a place of fire. (Rev. 20:15)
- Hell is a place of conscious torment. (Luke 16:23)
- Hell is a place of weeping and pain. (Matthew 13:50)
- Hell is a place of darkness. (2Peter 2:17)
- Hell is a place of destruction. (Romans 9:22)
- Hell is eternal. (Matt 25:41, Mark 9:48)
- Hell is more populated than Heaven. (Matthew 7:13-14)

For every one American who believes he's going to Hell, there are 120 who believe they are going to Heaven. How does this contradict what Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14?

What have you heard or read in the last couple of years about the topic of Hell?

Discuss this statement: "Sin burns now!"

How have you been scorched by sin (yours or someone else's)?

3) Why is there hell? (v.13)

- Infinite grace rejected demands infinite justice.
- Everyone who goes to hell chooses it.

Have you ever been tempted to make God more "likeable" to others by downplaying God's justice? How does diminishing God's justice diminish God's love? How do you actually make God more loving or less loving when you diminish his justice?

Discuss this statement: "We will never know how infinitely offensive our sin is to an infinitely holy God." How does the sin of God's creatures compromise God's character? How does sin invalidate His Word?

4) Who is going to hell? (v15, Rev. 3:3,5)

- Everyone whose name is not found in the book of life.
- Everyone who will not boldly repent.

Discuss this statement: "There are only two kinds of people. Those who say to God, "Thy will be done." And, those to whom God will say, "Thy will be done." Which are you?

Read Romans 12:17-21. How does embracing what the Bible teaches about hell affect the way you respond when treated unjustly?

Read Jude 1:23 and this quote by comedian, Penn Jillette: *"I've always said that I don't respect people who don't proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there's a heaven and*

a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward...how much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that? "I mean, if I believed, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that a truck was coming at you, and you didn't believe that truck was bearing down on you, there is a certain point where I tackle you. And this is more important than that."

How does thinking about hell motivate evangelism?

Additional Scripture

- Psalm 9:7-8
- 2Peter 3:9
- Hebrews 9:27
- Philippians 1:23
- 2Corinthians 5:8
- Luke 23:45
- Revelation 21:8
- Ecclesiastes 12:14
- 2Cor. 5:10