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MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 2 – A LOVING GOD WOULDN'T SEND PEOPLE TO HELL

TENSION QUESTION

Do you (could you) believe in a God who shows His power by _____ non-Christians and then magnifies His mercy by _____ Christians forever?

AN INVESTIGATION OF HELL

“You have heard it said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgement. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

MATTHEW 5:21-22, NIV

“You have heard it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”

MATTHEW 5:27-30, NIV

If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be throw into the fire of hell.”

MATTHEW 18:8-9, NIV

“Then he will say to those on his life, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

MATTHEW 25:41, NIV

“God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and the glory of his might.”

2 THESSALONIANS 1:6-9, NIV

AN INVESTIGATION OF HELL (cont.)

WHO: _____
WHAT: _____
WHERE: _____
WHEN: _____
WHY: _____
HOW: _____

AN INVESTIGATION OF GOD’S LOVE

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

JOHN 3:14-18, NIV

The Israelites had to look at what was _____ them in order to be _____ from what was killing them.

Man chose _____ over _____.

We are _____ the death of His son to God.

A VERDICT

Jesus was the only _____ God _____ to _____.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What role should the topic of hell play when sharing the Gospel?
2. Does God's love and wrath work together or separately?
3. Are passages on hell meant to be read literally or metaphorically?
4. Why did man eat from the tree, even if he knew it led to death?
5. Do you think that humanity deserves hell?
6. Revisit the "Tension Question," and process it out loud with someone.
7. Does justice against sin exist outside of hell?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Erasing Hell by Francis Chan; *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis