

Study Guide Questions

Series: Asking For a Friend

Message: How Can God Send Someone to Hell?

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ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:15 ... in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...

- C.S. Lewis asked this question, “What do you want God to do about Hell?”
- How would you answer?
- Why do you think our society struggles with the concept of a God that pronounces eternal judgment?
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- How can you speak truth to those who believe that a good God would not send someone to hell?
- According to Tim Keller, “Instead of trying to shape our desires to fit reality, we now seek to control and shape reality to fit our desires.” In other words, some people will make God in the image of man instead of the other way around. Share about a time when you’ve submitted your will in order to be obedient to God/Scripture.
- Read Luke 16:19-31
- v. 26 speaks about a chasm that cannot be crossed between the two realms of the afterlife. This idea of an uncrossable chasm reinforces the finality of an individual’s eternal place. Does this

motivate you to be more active in sharing your faith with others?
Why or why not?

- v. 27-31 | What do these verses say regarding the place and priority of Scripture?
- v. 31 | Does this verse foreshadow Christ in some way? If so, how?
- Are “judgment” and “love” mutually exclusive? Why must these two character traits operate together? Consider how this concept is also true of parents.
- Worldly pursuit of appetite, approval, and ambition can easily draw us away from God and have us find our identity or purpose in something other than God. Have you ever paused to reflect on the motives behind your actions?
- Jesus speaks about heaven, hell, and the eternal consequences of the way we choose to live. When talking about the Lord with non-Christians, how and when should we bring hell into the conversation?