Growth Group Curriculum FALL SEMESTER 2022

Questioning Christianity - Week 4 "How could a loving God send people to <u>Hell?"</u>

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REVIEW

- 1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
- 2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

MY STORY

- Have you ever met anyone who struggled with questions such as: "How can God be full of love and wrath at the same time?" or "How could a loving God send people to Hell?" What was that interaction like?
 - Have you personally ever struggled with these or similar questions?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. How would you help someone to reconcile the fact that the Bible seems to be making two contradictory statements: that God is a God of love and a God of wrath?
- 2. You often hear people say things like, "Surely all good, decent people can find God and go to heaven." How would you respond?
- 3. See if your group can come up with a Biblical reason why it would be good for people to believe in judgment day?"

4. The Bible has many things to say about heaven and hell. So does pop culture. Consider the verses below and see if your group can decide what is fact vs. fiction. Find a partner and see if you can summarize what the following passages teach us about the realities of Heaven and Hell.

2 Thessalonians 1:9: Mark 9:43, 48; Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30; 2 Peter 2:17; Jude v. 13; Revelation 19:20; 21:8; 20:10, Luke 12:47, Matthew 8:12; 13:42; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30

5. On Sunday, Pastor Jeff said that many people abandon their belief in judgment and hell in order to make God appear more loving, but they end up making him less so. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Prayer Requests:

Important dates:

- November 14 at 7pm CORE Night
- November 20 Fall Growth Group Semester ends.
- Dec 4 "Christmas in the Quad" Advent Party.
- Saturday 12/24 at 3pm Christmas Eve Service (no service Christmas day)

- January 8th Discover the Bible 101 begins.
- January 29 Winter Growth Group Semester begins.