

Is Hell Real?

We love beginnings, but what about endings? Some endings, like the end of life or the end of the world, can even feel scary. But we need not fear; we just have to be prepared. Let's talk about how to live now in light of what's to come.



INTRODUCTION

Pastor David spoke about hell, including three differing views of hell and Jesus' description of hell.

STARTER QUESTION

Before this series, what was your view of what hell was like? Who or what shaped your understanding of hell?

INTO THE WORD

How have you wrestled with hell? What conclusions did you come to? What scripture(s) helped you reach those conclusions?

The Bible gives us several examples of excruciating circumstances that are found in hell. Give three examples of biblical descriptions describing hell that show us that it is not a place we would like to go. Examples include Matthew 10:28; Matthew 13:41-42; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 9; and Revelation 14:9-11.

Refer to today's sermon notes. What are the three views of hell that Pastor David gave us? What biblical references can you find to support these views, if any? Consider the following passages in Matthew 5:22, 5:29-30; Matthew 25:41 and 25:46; and 2 Peter 2:4.

APPLICATION

Have you encountered the *universalism* view of hell? How would you have a conversation with someone who believed this concept? Could you steer someone who is open-minded away from this idea? What would you say to someone who says that a loving God would never send people to hell? Could you use the ideas of God's perfect love and justice to convince them otherwise?

"What's true for me may not be true for you." How could you have a conversation with someone about spiritual things who believes this idea? What could you have ready to share when this phrase is uttered? One may consider asking the question, "Is that true for everyone?" to show how the argument falls apart on itself.

Because some of us are not permitted to discuss God or the Bible at our work or school, what can we do to spread the gospel so that everyone has a chance to avoid going to hell?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for this day. Thank you for my family and our church family. Thank you for Pastor David's message on hell this morning. It can be an uncomfortable topic, but it is so important. I am so thankful that Jesus died for my sins so I could go to heaven and not go to hell. I ask that you give me the strength and the words to share the news about Jesus with others who may not know Him because I know He is the only way to Heaven. I also want to pray for our leaders. Please give them the wisdom to make difficult decisions

necessary in the best interest for our nation. Please be with all of those who have been impacted by COVID-19.
In Jesus' name, Amen.