

You Asked for It? – Sin and Hell

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of May 7th, 2017

Primary Scriptures: **Colossians 3:5-6, Matthew 5:29-30, John 14:6**

Relationships

As you begin the study portion of your gathering ask a few of these questions to help your group focus their attention.

What questions do you have that are not answered? About God, the universe, life?

People say there is no such thing as a bad question, but this isn't true. What are some bad questions you have heard?

In the past, how have you imagined eternity? How do you picture heaven? What will we be doing there?

Scripture

Have a volunteer read Colossians 3:5-6

When was the last time you were disappointed?

Many people struggle with the same sin over and over, why doesn't God just remove temptation?

How do we put sin to death?

Have a volunteer read Matthew 5:29-30

Why do you think Jesus talks so seriously about sin? (*Sin leads to death*)

Why do you think most people are more afraid of the effects of cancer than the effects of sin?

Why do you suppose some people don't believe there's an afterlife?

Will God really send people to Hell who haven't heard about Jesus?

How do you picture hell? Who do you think should be there? Who deserves it?

Have a volunteer read John 14:6

How do you feel about the absolute statement by Jesus that He is the only way to Heaven?

How do you think our culture responds to this statement?

Can you know God without ever having gone to church? How?

If God really doesn't want anyone to spend their eternity in hell, why do you think people end up there?

Mission

Have you had someone close to you die and were not sure of their salvation?

What can you do to change that answer for people you know right now?

Development

How can having an increased awareness of eternity affect your present day-to-day life?

What sin are you most likely to commit this afternoon? *(This is an intentionally intrusive question. The reasoning is: If you can't share in your life group, where else are you going to share it?)*

Sin leads us to isolation. The opposite of isolation is accountability and community. On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate your experience of community? Of isolation?

How can we help support one another to pursue holiness and kill our sin?

Pray