



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WELCOME & ENGAGE

- Spend time welcoming everyone as they arrive.
- Create an intentional environment.
- Watch the Ethos online experience.
- Sing, lean in, take notes, be vocal.

OVERVIEW

It seems that many of us feel uncomfortable talking about the topic of Hell. Yet, Jesus talks about this topic more than all of the other New Testament authors combined. We often try to avoid it as if it doesn't exist. However, when we live our lives disregarding the reality of Hell, we begin living with less conviction, less sacrifice, and less regard to Jesus.

Perhaps some have a problem with the doctrine of Hell because deep down the thought is, "isn't that unfair?" Assuming that people are neutral, generally good, and innocent; that the common destination for these people is Heaven. And humans who are cruel, wrong, bad, the worst of, or the "sinners"; that they are the ones who go to Hell. The reality is, "*We are all infected and impure with sin.*" (Isaiah 64:6). Neither believer nor non-believer is on neutral ground when it comes to eternity. This is where the understanding of what Christ did for us on the cross bears so much weight and importance to our eternity.

On the cross Jesus endured Hell for us so that we never have to. He endured the pain and separation of being apart from His father so we may never know that pain. As believers knowing this truth of what Jesus did for us, the reality of Hell should weigh heavy on us for the sake of those who do not know. May the reality of Hell call us to be bold in our pursuit of those who do not know Jesus and the promise of eternity in Heaven.

"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever."

-Psalms 16:11 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where have most of your views of Hell come from? What are some reasons you or others struggle to believe Hell exists?
2. When Jordan said, "What you believe about eternity determines how you live today." How does this apply to Hell?
3. What is the first practical step you can take this week to live, love, and serve with eternity in mind?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

God, we believe you are good. Thank you for giving us choice. Thank you for giving us Jesus. Thank you for access to you and your love and grace forever. Inspire us to love everyone we can with your practical grace and truth that promises eternal life. Amen!

IN THIS TOGETHER!