

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Discuss these questions in your LifeGroup and/or with your family and friends.)



- ① Many people in our world object the idea that a place such as Hell can exist. Even more people object to the idea that a loving God would send people to such a place. Why is the existence of Hell just as much of God's plan for the world as Heaven?
- ② Surveys indicate 76% of Americans believe in Heaven and 64% believe they will go to Heaven when they die. Where do you believe you will go when you die? How can you support your answer?
- ③ Do you believe in Hell? Are there people in your life who reject God because they believe that God cannot be good if Hell exists? Discuss the following quote from atheist Bertrand Russell: "There is one very serious defect to my mind in Christ's moral character, and that is that He believed in hell. I do not myself feel that any person who is really profoundly humane can believe in everlasting punishment."
- ④ Read Hebrews 9:27. God WILL judge every one of us when we die according to whether we are found righteous or unrighteous. Many of us get offended at the notion that God is going to judge us. Why does God have the right to judge us? If God does not judge us, then what does that say about God's character?
- ⑤ Some of you grew up in religious traditions where there are other locations than Heaven or Hell for our souls after we die. Why should we reject teachings that offer other options for where our souls will go?
- ⑥ Hell is where the unrighteous will spend eternity. How do you feel about that? If you believe in the reality of Hell, how does this cause you to think or act differently?
- ⑦ Just as we have a lot of misconceptions about Hell, we can also have misconceptions about Heaven and what eternal life will be like there. What did you learn about Heaven this weekend that surprised you?
- ⑧ On his deathbed, famed theologian D.L. Moody said the following: "Earth recedes. . . . Heaven opens before me." How do you think it will feel knowing that when you draw your last breath on earth that you are assured of eternity in Heaven with God?