

Hillcrest Life Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 8, 2020



What Good is Hell?

Luke 16:19-31

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Get to Know You

What is your favorite crime book or tv series?

Study the Book

Read Luke 16:19-31

Belief in hell helps believers respond to mistreatment with patient trust.

At what point in the story does injustice occur?

At what point in the story does justice occur?

Belief in hell is belief that God sees all injustice and will inevitably judge it.

Pastor Tom

What is commonly referred to as the Great Commandment? Where do we find it in Scripture (four possibilities)?

How does the belief that God will inevitably judge all injustice help us live out the Great Commandment?

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:4-7, Romans 12:19, and 1 Peter 3:9-12

How do these Scriptures instruct us to live in light of God's justice?

Belief in hell helps believers respond to the cross with astonished worship.

What would be a bill that if someone paid would be handshake worthy? What would be a bill that would be fall on the ground and kiss their feet worthy?

It wasn't just the physical agony of the cross Jesus was dreading, but the spiritual dimension of judgment. One of his last lines from the cross was, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Do you see? Hell is the experience of being finally and fully God-forsaken. When we Christians talk about being saved, that's in part what we mean: Jesus saved us from being God-forsaken.

Pastor Tom

How can the reality of hell make you love God more?

Group Application and Discussion

How did the rich man show his unrepentance in today's Scripture?

How can we become disciples and a church who live a life of repentance?

Personal Reflection and Application

In view of God's judgment, have you repented of your sin?

Is there someone you know who needs to hear the gospel?