



11/15 - Small Group Questions Week Ten: Eternity

1. Read Revelation 20:14-15: The reality of Hell is shown over and over again in the N.T. What do you think is the prevailing attitude toward this doctrine among western Christianity? Why isn't Hell 'hot' anymore?
2. See Matt. 25:41-46; Rev. 20:11-15: Hell is a place of fire and darkness (Jude 7, 13). How can fire and darkness exist simultaneously? Is this figurative language along with Matt. 8:12; 13:42; 2 Peter 3:7, and Luke 16:23? Hell seems like a place of misery and torment! Why does the N.T. give us such graphic language in describing Hell? Some believe in a purgatory or a second chance. Is there any biblical basis for these thoughts?
3. Read Jude 13 and Revelation 20:10. What do these verses teach us about Hell? Can we say we have not been warned?
4. Read John 14:1-3: Is to think of heaven as a place acceptable? Heaven in scripture appears to be a spatial reality.
5. Read Ephesians 1:20; 2:6; and 6:12: Would there seem to be a difference between the heavenly realms of the first two and the hostile powers of the last verse? Heaven will be a place of constant joy based on the vision of God in the face of Christ - Rev. 22:4, the ongoing experience of Christ's love - Rev. 7:17, the fellowship of the redeemed, rest - Rev. 14:13, work - Rev. 7:15, praise and worship - Rev. 7:9-10; 19:6-9, and eternal - Rev. 22:5.
6. Heaven is the complete opposite of Hell. Hell has no expression of God or His goodness, Heaven is the full expression of God for the redeemed! To which are you heading? Why?