

EVER WONDER WHY?

Leader Conversation Guide – Ever Wonder Why? (Part II)

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris continued in our series Ever Wonder Why? He tackled the difficult question asked by many, “Why would a loving God send people to hell?” As a church, we don’t promote ‘turn or burn’ or ‘fire and brimstone preaching’, but we are unapologetically willing to look at the Bible and discover what it has to say, even about the hard topics. AC/DC’s take on hell in their single ‘Highway to Hell’ paints an inaccurate picture of what is going on in hell. It’s not a big party. First and foremost, we must understand that hell exists to punish Satan. You were never meant for that place, it was made for the devil and his angels. When talking about hell, we don’t want opinions, we want the truth! We want the facts. Pastor Chris gave us 2 Biblical truths about hell.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.."

MATTHEW 7:13 NIV

Make it Practical

- Hell exists to punish Satan. Satan is the embodiment of all evil. The Bible speaks of Satan as the “father of lies” and the thief who is out to “steal, kill, and destroy..” Satan is the one who wants to destroy your marriage and deceive your kids. Satan wants you to be addicted and out of control. Revelation 20:10 tells us what Satan’s destiny is. It’s that he will be thrown into the lake of fire. God will punish Satan for eternity.
- Hell exists to righteously punish evil. We tend to look at ourselves through rose-colored glasses, we need to look at ourselves honestly. Every act of rebellion against God’s word is evil. Charles Spurgeon said “Morality may keep you out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of hell.” Living a moral or “good” life doesn’t get us into Heaven. We need the blood of Jesus. God is just. If He is going to punish one sin, He is going to punish it all. There are 2 options to pay for sin. I pay for my sins, with an eternity separated from God. OR I can follow 1 John 1:7, and allow the blood of Jesus to wash every sin away.

Talk About It

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- What are some initial thoughts that come to mind when you think about hell?
- Read 2 Peter 3:9. How does knowing God doesn't want anyone to perish, impact the way you view Him?

“Don't say that a loving God is going to send you to hell. He's not. The thing that's going to send you to hell is that you're a sinner and you don't want to admit it”

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Prayer

Father, we are so thankful for the abundant grace, mercy, and love You've shown us through Jesus. We know hell exists because You need to punish Satan and evil. Please use us to help others know You and experience Your perfect love. In Jesus' name, amen.

Leader Tip

Think about somebody you know who does not know Christ as their savior. Commit to praying Philippians 3:10 over them daily. That they would know Christ, and they would recognize and know the power of His resurrection in their life.