

May 4/5, 2019

Great Question – How can God be loving and send people to Hell?

Review

Main Points

Ask the group: What were your initial thoughts, reactions, and comments?

1. Love and God
2. Love and Hell
3. Love and Us

Reflect

1. **Hell.** Either from your own experience or from people you know, what makes it difficult for people to believe in a loving God that sends people to hell?
2. **Love and God. Read Luke 16:19-31.** This is the only parable Jesus tells that a character has a personal name. Why do you think Jesus gave Lazarus a personal name? Why does it matter that Jesus knows Lazarus' name and his suffering?
3. **Questions.** What is the consequence of having a God who is loving, but has no wrath for wrongdoing? How has this passage helped shape your understanding of hell, love, and God's justice.
4. **Love and Hell.** How can we use the realities of evil and suffering in our world to talk to unbelievers about the need for God to be just? More so, that all people actually long for God to hold people accountable for how they have wronged others?
5. **Love and Us.** When thinking about hell, it is important to understand why people go to heaven or hell. What does Luke 16:19-31 tell us puts people in heaven or hell? What other passages of Scripture come to mind that would be helpful when talking about this topic? Share them with you group.

Respond

Whether believers or not, people are seeking to make sense of how God can be loving and send people to hell. What would you say to answer your friend or acquaintances concern with this question?

- God cares so much about what happens to you and how you are wronged, that God gives real consequences for wrongdoing.
- We have all wronged people and God. Shouldn't there be justice for wrongdoing?
- God has made a way for these consequences to be paid for us by Jesus (John 3:16-17, Romans 6:23).

Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests.

Announcements

Considering Christianity Q&A // Sunday, May 19 // 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A safe space to answer questions about the Christian faith. May 19 is a night for our church family and friends to bring their own questions. More info online.

Vacation Bible Camp

Get your kids age four through 5th grade signed up for Epic Journey, this year's Vacation Bible Camp (Jun. 11-14 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.), kicking off with a family night Jun. 10 at 5:30 or 6:45 p.m. Your kids will hear daily Bible stories, watch hilarious large-group dramas with important lessons, eat snacks, play games, and much, much more. Cost is \$15 per kid and includes a t-shirt. Register by May 19 to get \$5 off. Register at cchapel.com/vbc.

Calling all...well, everyone! This summer more than 1,000 kids will visit our church for Vacation Bible Camp and we cannot pull it off without your help. If you can help, fill out the registration form online, we'd love to have you join us.