



Session 1 What the Hell
week starting April 11, 2021

As we dive into *Questions* this week, we take on our culture's concepts of Heaven and Hell, their purpose, and salvation. Much of our society thinks that Christians believe Heaven is a place in the clouds where you are rewarded for a life well lived and Hell is some sort of underground torture chamber or prison. Everyone who has been good enough goes to "the good place," as a popular TV series is named, and the rest go...well you know. In this paradigm, Jesus is the passcode to get pulled above the line so that even if you aren't good enough you can still get to Heaven. This couldn't be farther from the biblical truth of these two realities. Both Heaven and Hell begin here on earth and have eternal consequences.

GETTING STARTED

- What do you envision or hope Heaven is like?

DISCUSSION

1. Read John 3:16–17, Ezekiel 18:23 & 33:11, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:1–4. What is God's posture toward humanity and who would God desire to see saved?
2. Read Isaiah 45:22, John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5, Acts 4:12. What do these passages tell us about how one is saved from Hell and enters into Heaven?
3. Read Luke 16:19–31. In this parable, Jesus is making a point about the heart of someone who ends up experiencing Hell. Notice the rich man never gets a name. What do you notice about the rich man's attitude?
4. There are some deep truths about the rich man's soul in what he asks for and what he doesn't ask for. What might those be? What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us in this?
5. Read Romans 10:9–15, 2 Corinthians 5:17–21, Matthew 16:15–18. From these texts, what is our role in fighting against Hell?

LIVE IT OUT

Do you have more questions or want to continue the conversation? Join us for a Bonfire Chat, Adult Ed, Bibles & Brews or a Zoom Chat with the Pastors. Find more information at sov.church/featuredevent/questions-series-learning-opportunities/.

MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14–15

PRAY

Gracious God, you have created us for Heaven, eternal life sustained by you, and invited us to bring Heaven to earth in how we live and love. Help us to be part of bringing Heaven to earth here and now so that more people will come to know of your great love for them. Amen.