

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- When you hear the word "Hell", what images or words come to mind?
- **Read Matthew 25:31-46.** Summarize this passage in your own words. Who are the main players? What is happening in the scene?
- How does Jesus describe Hell?
- How does our culture tend to use the word "Hell"? How does that use diminish the reality of Hell?
- What point do you think Jesus is making in this passage?
- What is the difference between the sheep and goats here?
- On the surface, this text seems to say that where we spend eternity is based on our good or bad deeds. However, look at the word "righteous" in verse 37, and **read Romans 3:10-12.** Who is righteous? How can someone be made righteous? (**Read 2 Corinthians 5:21**)
- James, the brother of Jesus, said that faith is seen through good works. If we truly believe the greatness and goodness of God and are followers of Jesus, our lives will be changed (James 2:14-26). How can you show the love of Christ this week?
- Imagine a friend who doesn't know Christ comes to you and asks "Why would God send good people to Hell?" You ask questions about their concerns and listen. You find out that they don't think it's fair that good people are punished for eternity. You ask if it's okay to share your response, and your friend agrees. How would you respond with gentleness and respect? Write out your answer.
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read John 14:1-7. Why might these words be offensive to our world?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- When you hear the word "Hell," what words or images come to mind?
- In the New Testament, there are 162 references to Hell and 70 of those are made by Jesus Himself. Why do you think people don't talk about it as much as Jesus did?
- **Read Matthew 18:6-9.** In your own words, summarize what is Jesus saying here.
- How does this passage describe Hell?
- Why do you think Hell is such an offensive teaching for people in the world?
- Since Heaven is real, what does that tell you about God?
- What does it tell you about God that Hell exists? (Parents Note: God is just and punishes sin, and sin is serious.)
- Can God be both loving and punish sin? How so, or how not?
- How would you explain why God allows people to go to Hell to someone who doesn't believe in Jesus?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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