

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

In a Perfect World Week 2



CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

Have you been taught that the better you are, the greater chance you have of making it to heaven? Where did you learn ideas about heaven and hell?

Where do you see religion actually encouraging the pursuit of perfection, and how does that contribute to our ideas about heaven and hell?

If God isn't trying to "catch" us doing something wrong, how does that influence the way we live and interact with others? If heaven isn't simply a place for "good" people, how does that change your ideas about the afterlife?

What changes when we abandon the idea that God gave us a "to do list" to help us get to heaven?

BIBLE

Read John 3:16-21 & Romans 3:10-20. What do you notice?

PRAY

God of mercy, help remind us that perfection was never the goal. Free us from judgment of ourselves and others, and help us to experience your grace and love. Amen.

