



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
March 8, 2026

Refresh

Read John 5:25-29 and Matthew 25:31-46 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

Why do you think the doctrine of hell should be approached with both seriousness and compassion? How can Christians speak about hell truthfully without becoming harsh or indifferent?

Why is it important that our beliefs be grounded in Scripture rather than our feelings? Can you think of other doctrines where emotions may tempt us to reshape what the Bible teaches? How can we protect ourselves against this temptation?

How should the reality that all people will exist forever, either in eternal life or eternal punishment, shape the way Christians think about evangelism, missions, and everyday interactions with unbelievers?

What does it tell us about Jesus' love and mission that He warned so frequently about hell? Why do you think this aspect of Jesus' teaching is often ignored today?

Why do you think Scripture uses such vivid imagery when it describes hell? How does this imagery affect the way we think about hell?

How does understanding God's infinite holiness help us make sense of the justice of hell? In what ways does our culture tend to minimize both sin and God's holiness?

How does the reality of hell deepen your understanding of what Jesus accomplished on the cross? How should this shape our gratitude, worship, and obedience to Him?