

Discussion Guide: July 13, 2025

Series: *That's Odd!*

Message: *Hell*

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Take Home Truth: Hell is the proof that our God is a God of justice and righteousness. Hell is also a statement that any love which does not hate evil is not God's love.

Focus Passages (ESV)

Revelation 20:11-15: *Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Matthew 18:8-9: *And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into **the eternal fire**. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into **the hell of fire**.*

Discussion Questions

1. In your opinion, what makes the idea of hell most disagreeable?
2. Why is it important for Christians to affirm the idea of hell as an actual place of punishment?
3. What would you say is a logical reason why the doctrine of hell actually makes sense?
4. How can we talk about hell with non-Christians without coming off as mean and judgmental?
fFor some reference, see 1 Corinthians 4:4-5).

Prayer: Take this time to thank God for sparing you from His coming judgment through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. Pray for those who still live in rebellion to God's will and are heading to eternal doom, that they may turn to Christ in repentance.