



Imagine Heaven, Pt. 5: Does Everyone Go To Heaven?

The research back in the early 1970's seemed to suggest that all NDEs were positive experiences. As a result, people began to think that everyone went to Heaven. As the research continued over the years, people began coming forward with negative, "hellish" NDE reports. As the plumb line for all of these matters, what do the the Scriptures say?

Bottom Line: Hell is real and you have a choice.

Discussion Questions

1. What view of Hell were you exposed to when you were young? How has your view/ understanding changed over the years? What has influenced you adjusting views/ understanding?
2. People who experience a "hellish" NDE communicate feelings of shame, fear, terror, or an absence of love. How is this similar or different to what you might imagine about being in Hell?
3. The bulk of what we know about Hell comes from Jesus himself. Does this surprise you? Why or why not? Why do you think Jesus talked so much about Hell?
4. Jesus described Hell as: torment (**Luke 16:23-28**), eternal punishment (**Matthew 25:46**), fire or unquenchable fire (**Matthew 3:12, 18:9; Mark 9:47-49**), where the worm never dies (**Mark 9:47-49**), darkness (**Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30**), a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth (**Mathew 13:42-51**). Which of these descriptions of Jesus is the most challenging to you? Why?
5. Why do you think Jesus used such vivid imagery to describe Hell?
6. C.S. Lewis wrote that, "The doors of Hell are locked from the inside." How might this be true?
7. Read **John 3:16-21**. What ideas/thoughts from this passage help manage the tensions you have about the reality of Hell?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

Read pages 204 - 253 in *Imagine Heaven* this week.