

Week 42: The Reality of Hell

Scripture Reading:

"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched." - Mark 9:43

Opening Prayer:

Open in prayer by acknowledging the gravity of sin and its consequences, seeking God's mercy and the conviction to share the gospel with those who haven't heard or accepted it.

Devotional:

Hell is a somber and serious topic, one that is often difficult to confront. Yet, the Bible speaks of it as a real place of eternal punishment for those who reject God and His salvation through Christ. Jesus Himself warned about the dire consequences of sin and the reality of hell more than He spoke about heaven. The very existence of hell underscores the gravity of sin and God's justice in dealing with it. It also accentuates the profound love and mercy of God in providing a way of salvation through Jesus. The truth about hell should stir in believers a sense of urgency to share the hope of the gospel with others, knowing the eternal stakes.

Discussion:

1. Why is it important to understand and acknowledge the biblical teaching on hell? (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)
2. How does understanding the reality of hell influence our urgency to share the gospel with others? (Matthew 28:19-20)

Activity:

Create a list of names of people who might not be saved. Commit to pray for them regularly.

Closing Prayer:

Pray for the courage and compassion to share the gospel, that many might be saved from hell and be given joy in eternal life with Christ.