



but what about

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

THE ENEMY OF FAITH IS NOT DOUBT; IT IS UNEXPRESSED DOUBT. THE CHURCH SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN ASK “BUT WHAT ABOUT...?” AND FACE SOME OF FAITH’S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS WITH HONESTY AND CONVICTION. THAT’S WHAT THIS SERIES WILL DO.

- 1 What’s our society’s perception of hell? What do you picture when you think of it? What are the ways hell has been referenced or spoken of by yourself or others in your life? How do any of your answers impact your perception of God?
- 2 Look at the following Scriptures: 1 John 4:8; 1 Peter 1:16; 2nd Thessalonians 1:6. The message established, **God is loving, and God is holy & God is also just**. How do you make sense of God’s love, holiness, and justice? How do these different characteristics work together - or are they in contradiction?
- 3 Matthew 5:21-22 & 5:27-30. Jesus’ teaching often confirms that **we take sin way less seriously than Jesus does**. We often talk about the present effects of sin - how it might hurt someone or be emotionally unhealthy for a person. But Jesus focuses not only on present concerns, but also on eternal consequences. What makes it hard for us to talk openly about eternal consequences of sin like Jesus did? How do we ride the line between guilt tripping people with hell and ignoring the topic altogether?
- 4 Read Isaiah 64:6. We live in a world that talks a lot about self-worth, and because of that **we overestimate our spiritual position**. How can we talk about our state as sinners while also affirming that people matter to God?
- 5 Read Luke 16:19-31. Like the rich man in Jesus’ parable, **we minimize our responsibility**. What does the rich man imply by asking someone to warn his brothers so they don’t end up like him? Is there anything else that sticks out to you in this parable?
- 6 **The reality of hell should comfort us and bother us all at once**. Why does hell bother you? Why might hell comfort us? What does it mean to you to live each day with the reality of hell? How does the Gospel free us and compel us in relation to hell?

