

**TO THE READER:** A good learning technique is to answer the following questions BEFORE reading the booklet. After reading, you can refine your answers based on your reading. Then, when your group gathers, each can discuss his or her view and you can either affirm or modify what you wrote.

1. Would a loving God really send good people to hell? If so, why would He do that? (5-6)
2. Perhaps this is a better question to answer: How could a perfect, holy, just, and good God *not* send *good* people to hell? Read John 6:44 and Romans 5:6-10 before you answer. (6-10)
3. Read Romans 3:9-20, noting the word *all* in vs.9. Now look again at the two questions above. What needs to be understood about those we called “good?” (9)
4. Would hell be punishment or reward? (10-14)
5. The Bible describes those who go to hell as *perishing* and being *destroyed*. What does that mean? (14-15)
6. Have you ever been told, “Get out of my sight. I never want to see your face again?” How did you feel? (15-17)
7. What was the worst suffering you have ever had to endure? How long did it last? (17-18)

8. How long will people suffer in hell? (18-20)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Think this through: If there is no hell, how different will heaven be with believers and unbelievers there? (20-30)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. If there is no hell, what would have to change about your understanding of God? (20-30)

After going through these questions, read the text and fill in the answers in preparation for class, noting other questions you might have. [By the way, if you do have any other questions about what you read, write them down here so you remember them at class time.]

## APPLICATION

There **is** a heaven and there **is** a hell. This should make a massive difference in the way we live our lives and the way we look at and deal with those around us – our friends, and even our family. If you *really* believe in hell, what needs to change in your life beginning right now? What needs to change in your prayer life? What needs to change regarding your plans to meet with those who need Christ? What will you change starting **right now**? (31-34)

## For Further Study

*Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment*, Robert A. Peterson. P&R, 1995.

*Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, Jonathan Edwards. (The updated version is by John J. Fanella.) P&R, 1996.

*The Problem of Good: When the World Seems Fine Without God*, D. Marion Clark, ed. P&R, 2014.

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