

U N A N S W E R E D

UNANSWERED: Why Would A Loving God Send Someone To Hell?

Objective: [1 minute]

To understand that God's Love makes Eternal Justice necessary but that God's Love eagerly provides a way to be saved from Hell that we must accept.

Theme Verse: [1 minute]

Colossians 2:13-14

"And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Group Time: [15 minutes]

This would be an amazing opportunity for an Icebreaker to get everyone sharing and involved. Leaders should set the tone by volunteering to "go first" if necessary. Make sure to include time to introduce new group members. Make this time fun and light in order to create a comfortable environment.

Weekly Video: [8 minutes]

Discussion: [40 minutes]

Action: [5 minutes]

At the bottom of this guide we have included a link to a very helpful resource for this and other hard questions that you and your group members might have or encounter. Consider sharing with your group as requested.

Prayer: [10 minutes]

As you close the group session, pray together as a group and encourage group members to join you for the next scheduled Small Group. Remember, your group should be a safe place to share.

Key Discussion Questions:

1. Has anyone in the group ever doubted the existence or reason for Hell? If yes, please share the questions that you had with the group.
2. In reading Isaiah 55:8-9, God says that His "thoughts are not your thoughts..." Why is that an important message when considering this question?
3. The Cross represents two features of God coming together: Justice and Love. Why is this Justice necessary and what does that mean in relation to the need for Hell?
4. God's Love makes it possible for us to escape the reality of Hell. How does this good news allow us to answer and overcome this hard question of why would a loving God send someone to Hell?

Additional Resource: <http://bit.ly/2HIACfG> - Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties (Gleason Archer)