



Life After Death

The Reality of Hell

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- **What do you believe today about eternity?** (There is an eternity, there isn't an eternity, it doesn't matter, I don't care)
- **Why do you think so many people live each day without an intentional focus upon their eternity and where they will spend it?**

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

Reflect:

- 1.) Read [Ecclesiastes 7:4](#) LB: Pastor Jason said: "What you believe about **eternity** determines how you live **today**." Our pursuits, thoughts, and life are often times about the earth we're living on rather than the eternity we'll be living in. **Why do you think 'wise' refers to the one who thinks upon their eternity while 'fool' refers to one having a good time now?**
- 2.) Read [Matthew 7:13-14](#) NLT Pastor Jason said: "One of the keys to having a healthy life is to have an accurate understanding about death." He also said "If we don't accept the **reality of hell**, we will never appreciate the **glory of the gospel** or the **goodness of Jesus**." **When it comes to the eternal vs. temporal, what should the priority really be, why, and how do we keep that priority first each day we're living on earth?**
- 3.) Read [Matthew 25:41](#) and [John 12:31](#) NIV – Pastor Jason said hell exists for two reasons: 1.) To deal with **Satan and his angels**. 2.) To deal righteously with **unbelievers**. **Why is being a good person insufficient to gain entry into Heaven?**
- 4.) Read [2nd Thessalonians 1:8-9](#) and [Revelation 14:10-11](#) NIV: Pastor Jason said human beings can go to hell for two reasons: 1.) **They Reject God**. 2.) **They Choose to** or live in **unbelief**. **How does each reason speak to you personally and what would you do if you found yourself or someone you know in one or more of these categories? What do you picture hell being like when recalling how Pastor Jason described hell?** (Isolated and alone, continual torment, suffering, and pain, hopeless, eternal, regret)
- 5.) Read [Luke 16:27-28](#): Pastor Jason shared "Four Lessons from the other side:"
 - The Rich Man was **fully conscious** and **aware**.
 - The Rich Man's destiny was **irrevocably fixed**.
 - The Rich Man knew his suffering was **just**.



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– The Rich Man begged and pleaded for someone to help his brothers **know Jesus**. (Your perspective becomes reality on the other side)

What are your thoughts about each of the four lessons as you picture yourself being where the Rich Man is? (Why does unbelief condemn us?)

6.) Pastor Jason shared tactics the enemy uses to get us to forsake God's warning and provision for us in Christ. "If I were the devil, I'd try to convince you hell doesn't exist – to not live in fear – to forget about hell and live how you want. Reject the message of Jesus and the Gospel and to have no fear of God." **Are you compromised by any of these tactics?**

7.) Pastor Jason shared Three Truths of the Gospel:

- God **wants everyone** to be saved. [1st Timothy 2:4](#) & [2nd Peter 3:9](#) NIV
- God **provided a way** of escape. [Romans 6:23](#) & [1st Thessalonians 1:10](#) NIV
- God **invites you** to receive salvation. [Revelation 3:20](#) NIV

Do any of these truths give you cause to take any corrective action right now?

Apply It:

Read [Romans 3:23](#) NIV – The thief has come to steal, kill, and destroy, but Christ came to bring life, restoration, and reconciliation. Release the deadbolt at your door and let Him in. Make the choice today to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior. Commit to living God's way today in Christ.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week.

Read [Romans 10:9-10](#) NIV – Lord we have but to do two things – confess and believe. Help us remove all barriers so we can embrace the truth of Your Word. You don't send anyone to hell Father, we send ourselves by the choices we make or fail to make. We choose You today Lord God and Your provision for us in Jesus Christ. Help us live out life daily obedient to You in truth, in Christ we pray, amen.