

GOD 101: Heaven/Hell

Community Group Leaders Guide

Luke 16:19-31 /// Week of February 19

Today's big idea: Heaven and Hell are real.

Throughout this study please help your group avoid theological arguments about heaven and hell. This first question in particular is simply designed to highlight theatrical misconceptions.

- What are different movies, shows, books, etc. that have attempted to illustrate what happens after you die? How did they describe it?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 16:19-31 in the Bible.

This story does not teach us all there is to know about heaven and hell but try to keep your focus here on the words of Jesus.

- What do we learn here from Jesus about heaven and hell?
- What questions does this bring up for you about heaven or hell?

Heart

For some people this is a really touchy subject. Sharing may start slow. Be ready to lead by example. Remind group members to focus on those "I" statements.

- What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you hear the requests of the rich man?
- Why is it important to talk about what happens after we die?
- Why is it important to think about how we talk about what happens after we die?

Hands

Your group members may struggle here with the tension between urgency and strategy. Don't Fix, Don't Rescue. Let them feel the tension and make a note to follow up outside of the group time.

- How does this story motivate you to "warn" others (like the brothers) and what keeps us from telling others?
- What is God leading you to do as a result of this story?
- As you close, take a few minutes to pray for one another and for those who do not have a relationship with Jesus.

WeServe Month will be here in March! What ideas do you have for a service project individually, as a family, or as a community group that you would like to lead? Contact: Naomi at 713.202.1395 or naomi@hfcog.org



Community Group Covenants - hfcog.org

Community Group Member Covenant

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

Community Group Apprentice Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

Community Group Leader Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

Community Group Coach Covenant

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.