

# HEAVEN, HELL AND OTHER HOT TAKES

## Hell Below | Discussion Notes

As we finish off this series, take a chance to recap what you've learnt and what has stuck with you.

- What one thing from this series are you going to take forward?
- Have you changed the way you think about any of the topics from this series?
- Do you agree with the basic premise of the series, that as Christians we can think differently on certain topics? Have you learnt anything about how to disagree well when it comes to these tough topics?

We're finishing off the series looking at Hell.

- Philip said that if we're not convinced that the Good News is truly good, it will lessen our motivation to share it with others. Does the concept of Hell have this effect on you? Does it make God seem less loving?
- How have you viewed Hell up to this point? Or is it something that you just don't like to think about?
- The first set of 'sunglasses' or mental filter Philip talked about was the concept of Hell being Eternal. He argued that the Bible teaches that Hell is Eternal in Consequence, not Duration. Does this make sense to you? Does Hell as a place of destruction and death, rather than unending torture fit with Scripture?
- The second assumption Philip challenged was the idea that Humans are Eternal. Is this a belief that you've held? Did it surprise you to hear that this idea only went mainstream in the 16th Century and was opposed by Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers?
- Humans are Eternal by Gift, not Nature. Does this fit with what the Bible teaches? How does this change your understanding of hell and the good news?
- If Jesus is the Word of God and all Scripture is about him then anything we take from the Bible that doesn't look like Jesus needs to be reconsidered. Is this a helpful way of looking at Scripture? How does it change your view of the Bible, particularly the 'difficult' sections?
- Hell is the place where soul and body are destroyed forever on the day of judgement. This view of Hell is sometimes called Annihilationism. How does this view of Hell sit with you? Is it a helpful way of interpreting Scripture? Does it seem compatible with the nature of Jesus?

**BIG IDEA:** Hell and judgement are real, but the Good News is that God loves us so much that He gave everything so that, in Christ, we could be saved from death and given the gift of eternal life.

Philip explained that the reality of God's love and power, His salvation of us from Hell and judgement, should motivate us to be telling our friends about Jesus. Break into groups of 3 and share the name of one person you'd like to invite to church over the next couple of months. Share their names and pray for that person. Also pray for each other for confidence and boldness to give the invite.