



Community Group Lesson Plan • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Straight from the Pit of Hell

Passage: Luke 16:19-31 NIV

Intro -

- A. What kind of emotions do you experience when you think of the doctrine of Hell? Why do we struggle with this doctrine more than most?
- B. Do you think Hell lasts forever? Why or why not?
- C. How often should pastors or churches talk about this doctrine? Why?
- D. How often did Jesus talk about it? Why?

Sermon Points -

- 1) The Kind of Thing that Leads to Hell
 - a) What was the rich man's error? What should he have done?
 - b) What does this passage teach about how you should and shouldn't use your money?
 - c) What makes caring for the poor so hard in the present day?

- 2) The Kinds of Things that Happen in Hell
 - a) Is Hell just? In what ways does it feel like it's not? In what ways is it?
 - b) Is there awareness in Hell? Do you think that this story describes real events or is it just a story that doesn't describe what will actually happen in the afterlife? Why or why not?
 - c) Do you believe that there will be a second chance for people to trust in Jesus for salvation when they are in Hell? Why or why not? How does this passage address this question?

- 3) The Kind of Thing that Keeps you from Hell
 - a) Why does the rich man plead for someone to go back from the dead to tell his brothers? Has such a person done that?
 - b) How important is it for people to believe in Jesus on this side of death?
 - c) How should a passage like this affect our prayers or our conversations with friends and family?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - 2 Peter 3:18 ESV

"(May you) grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."