

3/18/18: Foundations Week 7 - Doctrine of Eternity -- Group Discussion Questions

Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the personality of your Group...

Welcome & Intro: High/Low: Have everyone share a high and a low from their week.

Intro Questions: Foundations: 260 Day Reading Plan: what's something that stood out to you this week?

Pre-Video Question: What are some popular beliefs in our culture about eternity that may or may not be biblical?

Listeners' Guide: *Be sure to take notes so you will be fully engaged and ready to participate in your brief time of discussion!* Star McMillan, Discovery's Interim Children's Ministry Director, teaches on the Doctrine of Eternity.

- Write down some of the reasons Star mentions that we avoid talking about eternity.
- What are some of the things the Bible tells us about hell? Write down examples from Jesus' own words, as well as other scripture references that stand out.
- What are some of the things the Bible tells us about heaven? Write down examples from Jesus' own words, as well as other scripture references that stand out.

Video Response Discussion (*Remember: CHOOSE ONLY those that fit your Group!*)

- Have everyone go around and share one thing from Star's teaching that stood out to them. (*Warn them before you watch the video that you will do this, so they can be ready! You may want to make notes on chart paper of each person's sharing if you have some available.*) When everyone has finished sharing, you may want to ask some followup questions related to some of the things shared (*Why did that particularly stand out to you? How did you feel when you heard her say that? Did you find yourself agreeing or disagreeing when you heard that? etc*)
- Since the gospel is the key to eternity, have your Group Members brainstorm different elements of the gospel and note those on the Chart Paper or somewhere you can take notes. Don't let anyone give the entire gospel -- have different members each contribute a piece.
 - When you are finished, have someone look up and share John 3:16-18. After reading these verses, are there any edits you would make to your gospel brainstorming?
 - Do the same with Ephesians 2:1-10.
- List out several reasons that it matters what we believe about eternity - both heaven and hell. Why is it significant that Jesus spoke about heaven AND hell so much during his ministry?
- Star gave us a quote from Charles Spurgeon regarding hell in which he states, "...let no one go unwarned or un-prayed for." At Discovery, we talk about our "3": The three people who don't yet know Jesus for whom we are praying daily. If you do not have 3, take a moment to think about those for whom God is burdening your heart. Write down their names so you can begin praying. What is one step you could take toward a gospel conversation with one of them?

Break for smaller group Prayer:

- Have everyone take a moment for silent reflection on the group conversation. *What does God most want me to learn, what action is God calling me to take?*
- Share reflection responses - and then personal prayer requests
- Pray for each other's requests AND the actions to which God is calling them.