

Deeper In God

May 7, 2017



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: *Luke 16v19-31*

THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA: Whatever can be said about the topic of hell, the Scriptures declare that it is not God's ultimate goal for his creation.

Reflect: What have been your understandings of hell? If you grew up in the church, what have you been taught in previous churches? As you think about hell, do you think it will be a place of eternal suffering or a place where you simply cease to be? Which would be worse to you, and why?

Reflect: In what way did the rich man in Jesus' parable choose his own fate?

Reflect: If we can bring God's Kingdom to bear in the world, in what ways can we as humans bring hell to bear in the world, and where have you witnessed this?

Reflect: The Scriptures don't speak very often about hell, but people outside the church believe that the church is obsessed with it. How has the church, perhaps, over-emphasized hell?

Reflect: Do you think God is just if God allows people to continue to refuse his love and, in essence, choose the consequences of an eternity outside his presence?

Rest & Reflect: Days 6 & 7 are days of rest and reflection. Use these days to dig a bit deeper if you feel inspired.