

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. If God is love, then it makes sense that he must deal with the hurt, pain, and injustice that sin has ultimately caused. The story of the wedding banquet reminds us that he clothes us with HIS righteousness. What encouragement do you find in that story? What challenges do you face as a result of it?

2. Read **2 Peter 3:9**. Hell is ultimately separation from God - not as punishment - but because God honors our free will. What encouragement do you find from this verse? What does it reveal about God?

3. Every objection that we have is ultimately answered in the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In what ways do you find that helpful? In what ways do you find that challenging?

4. As you reflect on this series, what did you personally need to hear the most? How has it helped your faith in God to GROW?

MESSAGE NOTES

Asking For A Friend // Week 6

How could a loving God send people to hell?

1. God is loving and God is _____.

It was in the year of King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two wings they covered their feet, and with two they flew. They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man!" **Isaiah 6:1-5**

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me - I'm such a sinful man." **Luke 5:8**

He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth. **Psalms 33:5**

2. We take _____ less seriously than Jesus does.

"You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell." **Matthew 5:21-22**

"So if your eye - even your good eye - causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your hand - even your stronger hand - causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." **Matthew 5:29-30**

3. In his love, God honors our _____.

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. **Galatians 3:26-27**

MEMORY VERSE:

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. **2 Peter 3:9**

