



### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. Do you believe Hell is a real or a figurative place?

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Mark 9:33-48. The Kingdom of God is often referred to as upside down and inside out.
  - a. How does verses 33-42 relate to verses:43-48?
  - b. How does someone become great in the Kingdom of God?
  - c. In Jesus' time, children were often seen as property and expected to be seen and not heard. What is the significance of welcoming a child in Jesus' name?
  - d. What does it mean to be last and to be a servant of all?
3. Read Mark 7:1-15. How does this compare to Mark 9:43-48?
  - a. Are Mark 7:14 and 9:43-48 in contradiction? Why or why not?
  - b. Does Jesus want us to literally chop off parts of our body to avoid hell?
4. A Pew research study showed that only 58% of adults believe in hell. Do you believe in hell?
  - a. Do you believe in the hell that is described in the Bible?
  - b. Read Mark 9:43-48, Revelation 20:13-15, Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 21:8. Based on those verses, what is hell?



5. What does sacrifice have to do with following Jesus?
  - a. If Jesus gives grace, why do we need to sacrifice and avoid sin and temptation?
  
6. What is something that you have sacrificed for Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What do you still need to sacrifice to Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to give it completely to Him.

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Hell is a real place.
- Heaven and Hell are very real places and you will spend the rest of eternity in one of them.
- Hell is called the “lake of fire”
- Hell is a place prepared for the devil and his angels.
- Hell is a place for unbelievers
- God takes sin seriously—seriously enough to sacrifice His only begotten Son to destroy it. We must take sin seriously as well.
- Temptation and sin are around every corner.
- “Temptations, of course, cannot be avoided, but because we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair.” - Martin Luther
- Whatever is causing you to sin, take drastic measures to get that thing out of your life.