



Response and Eternal Destiny

Small Group Work Sheet
November 21, 2010

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- How has this overview of Revelation changed the way you think about Christ? About the book of Revelation?
- Imagine the moment Christ comes back. What do you want to be found doing?

If you were in the first service, Pastor Kurt probably didn't finish the sermon. Go to www.christ2Rculture.com and print out the sermon. Learn what you missed!

Part 2 - Review the sermon

- If you were a persecuted Christian in the first century, how would the book of Revelation help you?
- How does it make you feel to hear that our final judgement will be based on our works? Does it frighten you? Excite you?
- How does all judgment being based on works make you feel? Knowing this, what choices would you have made differently when you were younger? What choices will you make differently now?
- How has your view of death and the afterlife been challenged by this message?
- What have you learned about God's kingdom through these last two weeks?
- What about eternity and the reign of Christ most excites you? Is there something you are not looking forward to?
- How has God changed you through this "Doctrine" series?

Part 3 - Digg deeper ...get the rest of the story.

What are some objections to hell?

How can God send people to hell, that makes him cruel?

Hell is self-selected. Jesus welcomes everyone from every nation, language and culture to be forgiven. He is willing to embrace and forgive even the worst of people. If you are pro-choice, hell is your place! You get to choose to go there. The only people who don't get what they want are Christians. God intervenes, grabs them, causes them

to see their sin, gives them the ability to see the identity of Jesus, God renews their minds so they choose to repent and trust Christ. As a Christian, you know deep down in your heart that you didn't get what you deserved! You know you didn't choose God but it was only because he chose you first that you could see and choose him. As I said, the pro-choice people love hell. They get to choose what they want and nobody interferes with their life or tells them what to do with their body. When they choose hell, nobody stops them.

So God isn't cruel, he is very kind. He lets people have their choice. They choose not to worship, not to change, not to repent. They get to choose hell if they want to. God is even kinder when he grabs us and causes us to see our sin, to see Christ as he is and draw us to him so we repent. God is not cruel. We are just evil. We are no different from Satan.

Hell is mean.

In one sense, that is exactly right. Hell is for mean people who don't like the love of God. But look at what Jesus did on the cross. He suffered for ungodly mean people, his enemies. A God who chose to suffer and die for mean people is not mean!

I think everyone should go to heaven.

Let's think about this. Who wants the pedophiles in heaven? Who wants the murderers in heaven? Who wants the jewel thieves in heaven trying to steal the rocks from the walls? In this life, we have prisons that force people to stop their sinful behavior. Do you want people in heaven without a changed heart and a changed life? That sounds like you want hell instead of heaven. Imagine what it would be like on earth if we never died and people could sin all they wanted forever. Imagine what it would be like if those people were in heaven. It would ruin the place.

It would also ruin them. This week, ask your pagan, swearing, beer drinking, cross-eyed, neighbor if he wants to go to heaven, live eternally worshipping Jesus and singing praise songs to him. My guess is your neighbor will turn down the offer. If you don't love Jesus, you will hate hanging out with Jesus.

Do you have a better idea than justice and eternal lock-down in hell for Satan and the rebels who insist on rebelling against Jesus?