



## Deeper Application Message Guide

"How Could God Send Someone To Hell  
Who Has Never Heard of Jesus?"

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### Getting Started

- 1) Do you think there is any truth to the idea that what we learned as children carries over into adulthood? Can you think of any examples in your own life or in others? Explain.
  
- 2) What if what we learned as children growing up is actually wrong, and our perceptions as adults are skewed. What kind of filter or outlook might that give us about life? Would you ever be satisfied with life or would it always be unfair?
  
- 3) Most people can't image being held responsible for rules they didn't know existed. Do you think it is fair to be accountable if you are unaware of the rule? Why?
  - a) Think of a time when your perceptions or expectations were different from what actually was the reality, did your lack of understanding change the reality of the situation? Were there still consequences even though your intentions were good? (example: late for a meeting because you had the wrong time on your calendar)
  
- 4) If we use our filter to determine fairness we are bringing God down to our level of understanding. What might happen if God suddenly decided to use our filter to determine what is fair and just?
  - a) Think about what each of us really deserve based on God's standard. Is God **fair** with us? Do we get what we actually deserve?

### Into the Bible

- 5) Read **John 14:6 & 1 Corinthians 1:18** Jesus, make a statement that many in the world would find arrogant or even foolish.
  - a) Should there be more ways to Heaven as many non-believers think? What would that make Jesus?
  
  - b) Why would 1 Corinthians say the Gospel is foolishness? How should that change the way we approach people about the Gospel? Should it change it?

- 6) Read **Proverbs 14:12 & Proverbs 16:25** Solomon the wisest man to ever live and he wrote Proverbs. Apparently Solomon thought this was important enough to mention twice.

- a) Many people say that having a sincere faith is enough and its unfair to send them to Hell if they live a "good" life. In light of proverbs is sincerity what does it say about man's ability to choose well?

- b) Jeff gave an example about people throughout history who were convinced and sincere in heart but clearly violated God's law. (example: Nazi's, the 911 terrorists) Why must man not be the standard for deciding what is right and fair?

- 7) Read **Job 38: 1-5**. This is how God responds when He is questioned by Job about God being fair.

- a) Arrogance and pride comes from the creation telling the Creator how He should do things. **Read Proverbs 11:2**  
Why is it important to examine our hearts before we question God's fairness, either in issues of salvation or issues of everyday life?

### Digging Deeper *(read as a group, but it's for personal reflection this week)*

- 8) Take this week to look at the areas of your life that seem unfair to you. Pray and ask God to show you where your heart is towards Him. Honestly ask yourself if you are trusting Him with everything or if you have been telling God how he should do things and demanding an explanation for what seems unfair.

If need be pray and ask for God's forgiveness to change your heart from an attitude of pride to one of humility so that you can trust Him fully.

#### Suggested verses:

Psalm 143:8

John 14:1

Proverbs 2:6