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**NEVER READ A BIBLE VERSE\***

*Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41*

**Five: Hell Works**

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\*Without Context.

TODAY'S VERSES:

- Matthew 25:41-42
- Matthew 25:31-46
- James 2:14-17
- Matthew 13:42
- 2 Chronicles 28:2-3
- 2 Kings 23:10
- Romans 5:8
- 2 Samuel 14:14
- Romans 1:19-20

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RECAP & DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What is Heaven? One writer says that Heaven is, “The full manifestation of what it means to bow the knee to God in full submission to Him for eternity.” Heaven is true and real life with God, it is not about us. People today tend to define a “heaven” that is focused on ourselves and not a true Heaven that is focused upon Christ. But if Heaven wasn’t focused upon Christ, it would be Hell.

We are not saved by our works, but our life and works will truly show what we believe about God, eternity, and how we want to spend it. In Matthew 25:41 Jesus tells us that Hell was not prepared for us, we were made for the Kingdom of God, but many of us live our lives like we would rather be in Hell than live eternity with God Himself. We should thank God that against all odds, including us, Jesus saves.

- What is the picture of Hell you currently hold (or have held in the past)?
- What is the picture of Heaven you currently hold (or have held in the past)?
- Why is it important that the focus of Heaven is Jesus and not us?
- Ask someone to identify, on a scale of 1-10, how self-centered they think you really are.
- What do you want more, to avoid Hell or to be with Jesus?
- In what ways is Hell described in metaphors, and what do those metaphors mean?
- How can you relate the concepts of Heaven/Hell to non-believers in your life?

ASK US: ***What questions do you have that you want to ask us about this topic/verses covered?***