

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on March 28, 2010

Whatever It Takes – Mark 9:43-48

Big Idea: Do whatever it takes to avoid hell.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- Make announcements and have a prayer time. (before Choir Members arrive)

ICE BREAKERS

- React to Larry's introductory point about hell not being as hot as it used to be.
- Who is immortal? What's the value of seeing people that way?
- Were there any points Larry made in his message that surprised you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In verses 43-47 Jesus mentions three body parts that are representative of 3 areas of our lives. What did the hand, foot and eye represent to the listener? As you look at those 3 areas, which do you have the most trouble with in your life?
- React to Larry's statement that hell is not a place where people will experience the absence of God's presence but will experience the full wrath of God.
- What would the people listening to Jesus have thought about when he used the word, "Gehenna" which is translated "hell" in our Bible?
- What is the value of being reminded of the doctrine of hell? How could a fresh realization of the reality of hell affect your life?
- Many people say that a good, loving God would not send people to hell. What is your response to that statement?
- How is God's love related to the reality of hell? How could hell be an extension of God's love?

Application

- Evaluate today whether it is safe for you to die.
- Live in light of the reality of hell this next week. Use it as a motivation to contact a friend or family member who will experience hell if they do not turn to Jesus.