Key Scriptures

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”* Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

*He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord …*2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 NIV

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23 NIV

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* John 10:10 NIV

More Scriptures

Revelation 20:10, Revelation 14:10-11, John 3:16, Romans 5:8-9

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

* Ask someone you’re close to what they believe about Heaven, Hell, and eternity. Share with them what you believe.
* For further exploration, consider reading *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

* On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable do you feel with your understanding of Hell? Explain your answer.
* Where have most of your views of Hell come from?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

* It has been said that what you believe about eternity determines how you live today. How does this apply to Hell?
* What are some reasons you or others struggle to believe Hell exists?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

* Read Matthew 17:13-14. What point does it seem Jesus is trying to get across through this imagery?
* Examine your last few weeks. What does your life say about what you believe about eternity? Is there anything you want to change?
* What’s the first practical step you can take this week to live, love, and serve with eternity in mind?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father God, we believe You are good. Thank You for giving us choice. Thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You for access to You and Your love and grace forever. Inspire us to love everyone we can with Your practical grace and truth that promises eternal life. Amen!