

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

The Seriousness of Sin Mark 9:42-50

1. Read v 42. What kind of influence should we have on other believers? What are the consequences of leading other – possibly less knowledgeable, less mature, or more vulnerable - believers astray or causing them to sin? (1 Tim 4:12; Gal 5:13; Rom 14:13-16)
2. Why do you think the subject of “hell” is not much talked about today? Why do believers shy away from talking about it? Who are the people that are going to hell? How does Jesus describe hell? (Mat 5:22; 7:13; 10:28; 13:40-42; 18:8; 25:41; 2 Thes 1:8-9; Rev 10:15)
3. Read v 43-47. Did Jesus talk literally about the amputation of our limbs? If not, what kind of language did He use? Why did He use this kind of language? What message was He conveying to his disciples?
4. Do you think people are less serious or more serious today about sin? Is the lack of seriousness of sin a problem among Christians today? How does this manifest itself? Can you give examples of how your hands, feet and eyes may cause you to sin? Practically, what does it mean to deal with sin the way Jesus tells us to.
5. Where does the real problem with sin lie? See Mark 7:21-23. Can a person look good on the outside, live ‘morally’ right and still go to hell? See Mat 23:27-28; 2 Tim 3:5
6. Read v49. What does it mean to be “salted with fire”? What is significant about salt, and what does it represent in the Bible? (Num 18:19; Lev 2:13 (grain or meat offering); Ez 43:24)
7. What is God’s purpose for allowing fiery trials and discipline to come our way? (1 Pet 1:6-7 and Heb 12:10-11)
8. V50. What does it mean for a person to lose his/her ‘saltiness’? What does it mean to have salt in yourselves and how does this affect our relationships?