

# **TOGETHER FOREVER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

## **PARTICIPANT – ONE HOPE: Afterlife**

**Big Idea: Live with eternity in mind.**

1. What were your impressions of what heaven and hell is like long ago vs. now?
2. Where do people get their ideas of the afterlife?
3. Read Jesus' words in Luke 16:19-31.  
What are some things this tells you about the afterlife?
4. How do people's supposed "near-death experiences" fit into that? Are they biblical?
5. What's the difference between heaven now (being with the Lord after death) and the new heavens and earth that will be created when Jesus returns?
6. Why do you think Christians have difficulty believing in hell? How do our ideas of "fairness" and being a "good" person affect that?
7. What would heaven become like if God were to allow even one sinful person in?
8. Do you think it's possible there will be degrees of punishment or "levels" in hell, where the worse you were, the worse the suffering? What about Jesus' words that judgment would be worse for Sodom and Gomorrah than for Capernaum (because He was personally present in Capernaum, yet they still rejected Him)?
9. If Christians are not going to be judged, how do our works fit into judgment?  
Will there be degrees of reward? How does this relate to being saved by grace?
10. Will there be baseball in the new heavens and earth (or any other pleasurable things we enjoy now)?
11. How does living in view of eternity, expecting that there is an afterlife, change the way you live here and now?
12. How does it help you deal with difficult experiences?