

Discussion Questions

Read the passage below to prepare for the discussion. Does it give you comfort or does it cause fear in you? It's a sobering topic and not one we should take lightly.

1. When you hear the term, "Judgement Day," what comes to mind? What images or pictures of Judgement Day come to mind?
2. What have you been taught about it over the years? Are there denominational differences regarding the popularity of, the interest in, and frequency of sermons about the end times and Judgement Day?
3. React to the Pastor's reaction to and teaching on one of the Bible's depiction of Judgement Day as being a day when God casts people into the "lake of fire."
4. Are we in the end times now? What evidence do you have for your view point? (After everyone has shared their opinions, read Hebrews 1:1-2 and respond to it)
5. Give examples of things you find unfair about life and a list of injustices you yearn to see remedied. How do you make sense of the unfairness of life and the injustices that persist? What have you done to create a fairer and more just society?
6. As harsh as it sounds, in what ways is Judgement Day actually good news?
7. Respond to what you heard about Judgement Day Future.
8. Respond to what you heard about Judgement Day Past.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. John 5:24-30