

## Taking It Home:

- Built into the text is a dire warning for those who know the truth of hope in Jesus alone: that they would be careful to teach the good news in such a way as to encourage childlike faith. Are there areas of your life and teaching that you need to confess to God that you are falling short? Remember 1 John 1:1-10; that our fellowship is in the light.
  
- Last Sunday, Rich Irish shared a brief summary of the good news of Jesus. He mentioned that we don't need a title to have a testimony. A testimony is a simple way of sharing how the Gospel has changed our life. What are the movements in your life that took place to get you where you are today? (If you want to see Rich's story, visit <http://www.bethelfc.com/messages> and watch the service from 6/8.)
  1. What was it like before you knew Jesus?
  
  2. How did you come to believe that Jesus is the only way for salvation?
  
  4. What effect has that had in your life?
  
- Think of three people you can pray for this week that they would experience and proclaim the life changing power of Jesus:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## Recommended Resources

- *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn
- *God Wins* by Mark Galli
- *Outrageous Truth...: Seven Absolutes You Can Still Believe* by Robert Jeffress

The Ransom  
Hell is For Real  
Mark 9:42-50

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## Hell is For Real

Notes:

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew's sermon points, visit [pastormatthew.net](http://pastormatthew.net) and click on the "Write This Down" tab.

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of June 15, 2014

Mark 9:42-50

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**Quick Review:** It can be popular these days to believe that hell does not exist. Others think that if God does judge us for our sin then one day He will simply annihilate those who don't trust Jesus as their Savior. Though popular, these views of hell are dead wrong. Jesus spoke plainly in Mark 9 when he told His twelve disciples that hell is real. In Mark 9:42-50 Jesus warned that those who fail to teach this truth will be held responsible. He said that it would be better to enter eternity without an eye or a hand or crippled than to have misled the childlike faith of one who wants to believe.

## My Story:

- Have you ever taught someone something only to later realize you were wrong? What were the consequences for you or them?

- What do you think of first when you think of hell?

- Do you find it easy or difficult to believe in hell, why?

## Growing Deeper:

- According to Mark 9:42-50, what does Jesus say about your hand, your foot, or your eye? What did Pastor Matthew say was symbolic or significant about each of these body parts?

- Hand

- Foot

- Eye

- Pay special attention to vv. 44, 48, 50. What does each verse say about the punishment given by God?

- Turn to Matthew 25:31-46. As you read the story, notice that people are separated into two camps: those who knew Jesus and those who did not. What is the duration for those who believe according to 25:46? What does this say about the duration of judgment for those who do not believe?

- What does Romans 1 say about the judgment of God and personal responsibility in that judgment?