Prepare: The study of the reality of Hell, according to the New Testament, a place of eternal suffering and separation from God and all that is good, is a somber subject. There is no escaping the clear teaching of scripture on the subject that those who die without having named Jesus as their Savior and Lord are destined to be punished eternally without hope of reprieve.

Main text: Revelation 21:3-15

Supporting texts: Isaiah 5:14-16; Mark 9:47-48; Matthew 10:28; Hebrews 12:25

Discuss*

- How does our culture attempt to "write off" the concept of Hell?
- What are some of the terms used in the Bible to name the place of eternal punishment and separation? What does each emphasize about the reality and nature of Hell?
- How can a loving all powerful God condemn men and women to an eternity separated from Him?
- How can we express our thanksgiving for having been saved from an eternity in Hell?
- How can assimilating the reality of Hell into our testimony help us evangelize more vigorously?
- How does our culture attempt to "write off" the concept of Hell?

Apply

- How can we discuss the reality of Hell to new Believers, children, and those who have lost loved ones?
- How can the Christian be assured of his or her salvation?