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**Do you
believe in
miracles?**

***Engage with & give gospel
booklets to the lost***

How can we handle tough objections

TACKLE TOUGH QUESTIONS

& questions when sharing the gospel?

Sunday, May 17th, from 6 – 7:30 pm

Objections to be covered during the event...

1. Christian history is full of bloodshed (e.g., the murderous crusades and the burning of witches)
2. Christians are lousy examples/ hypocrites
3. Science disproves the Bible/ lack of evidence that God exists
4. Salvation through Jesus alone is too exclusive
5. Christian morality is too narrow – we're mostly good people
6. You can't trust the Bible as a source
7. A good and almighty God wouldn't allow evil and suffering
8. There's no proof of Jesus' resurrection

**How Can a Loving
God Send People
to Hell?**

Pew Research: Americans Surveyed About the Afterlife

2024: 67% of Americans believe in heaven (74% in 2007).

2024: 55% of Americans believe in hell (59% in 2007).

2024: 19% of atheists believe in something spiritual beyond the natural world, and 5% believe in heaven (12% in 2007).

2024: 55% of agnostics believe in something spiritual beyond the natural world, and 17% believe in heaven (18% in 2007).

2024: 4% of atheists believe in hell (10% in 2007).

2024: 9% of agnostics believe in hell (12% in 2007).

Many of us have been given false information

How many have been told that Jesus spoke about hell far more than He spoke about heaven's kingdom?

The word "Gehenna" appears 11 times in the gospels and is hotly debated as to whether the translation to "Hell" is correct. "Hades" appears 4 times in the gospels and is NOT hell. "Outer darkness" is certainly about hell and appears 3 times in the gospels. "Eternal fire/ age of fire/ era of fire" appears 2 times in the gospels.

The kingdom of heaven/ God appears over 100 times in the gospels. Jesus speaks of eternal/ age of/ era of life over 25 times.

Jesus' most direct teaching on the judgment of hell:

Matthew 25:41-46 (ESV) ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the **eternal fire** prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the **least of these**, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ **And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.**"

Did you notice Jesus expects that faith will include action?
If you *really* believe the lost will be judged this way, then...

God will judge all, but desires that all would be saved

Matthew 23:37 (NKJV) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!"

2 Peter 3:9 (HCSB) The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NIV) This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

John 3:16 (NASB) For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

People, by rejecting God's love, choose eternal destruction, against God's desire. Yet, what primarily leads people to repent and receive God's great salvation?

Romans 2:3-4 (LSB) ³ But do you presume this, O man—who passes judgment on those who practice such things and does the same—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that **the kindness of God leads you to repentance?**

Will you share the kindness and severity of God with the lost?