

# Bible Study Questions

## ***He Warned about Sin and Hell – Mark 9:41-50***

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### **Focus**

Instead of arguing with each other and trying to exclude each other, the disciples are to serve each other and help each other follow Jesus more faithfully, even as they personally devote themselves to an intense discipleship, because sin is dangerous and hell is real. The aim of this passage, therefore, is to warn and motivate followers of Jesus to pursue Him with all that we are and to help others do the same.

### **Read**

[Mark 9:41-50](#)

### **Listen**

CCNYC teaching on Mark 9 which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### **Some Questions for Study and Reflection**

1. How do verses 41 and 42 relate to each other?
2. How would you summarize the warning that's given in verse 42?
3. How would you summarize the warning that's given in verses 43-48? What does Jesus mean and what does He not mean?
4. What are the images that Jesus uses to describe hell?
5. Hell is a translation of the Greek word Ghenna, and Ghenna is a form of the word Hinnom. If you would like to do a fuller study on this difficult subject, some passages in the Bible to consider are: 2 Chronicles 28:3; 33:6; 2 Kings 23:10; Isaiah 66:24; Matthew 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Luke 12:5; James 3:6; Revelation 20:11-15.
6. How would you summarize the warning that's given in verses 49-50?

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7. How does all of this connect back to what we looked at last week in verses 30-41?

### **Closing Reflection and Application**

1. What do you learn about sin from this passage?
2. Prior to this study, would you have said that you thought sin was as serious as Jesus presents it here? Why or why not?
3. How does understanding the truth about sin and the reality of hell help you better understand the gospel message, and specifically the cross of Jesus?
4. Is there anything you can think of that you're doing right now that might be causing another Christian to stumble in their faith and sin against God? How can we help each other in this regard?
5. Understanding that the hand, foot, and eye encompasses the totality of our lives (what we do, where we go, what we see), what are some actions you need to take right now to cut sin out of your life and put it to death?
6. What questions do you have about the reality of hell?
7. What are some of the objections that your unbelieving friends might make to the reality of hell? What are some ways you can answer those objections?
8. What are some good (and bad) ways that we might go about warning people about the dangers of hell?
9. If you were to view others as 'immortal creatures' who are headed to either heaven or hell, and with whom your interactions can be positively or negatively influential in that regard, what are some changes you should make right now in your relationships and how you relate to others?