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Hope Returns

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 Righteous Judgements

Summary: In a book about hope, why would the first subject be God's judgment in sending people to hell? In this text we learn about evidence of God's righteous judgments that will bring hope to every believer.

Scripture – 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12, 3:13; Matthew 8:12, 10:42, 13:42, 50; 25:41, 46; Romans 2:5 Revelation 9:1, 11, 14:10, 11; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; Jeremiah 29:13

Community Group Questions

1. "God knows what He's doing, even if you're suffering." (1:5)
2. "The key to hard times is not to give up but to look up." (1:5)
3. Why/how is hell God's repayment plan? (1:6-9)
4. "Hell honors the dignity of human choice." How is it true that you *choose* to go to hell?
5. "Hell is the greatest monument to human freedom." C.S. Lewis
6. "It's not a question of sending us to hell. In each of us there is something that will be hell unless it is nipped in the bud." C.S. Lewis
7. "If there is no judgement, nothing matters" (existentialism).
8. If God is the ultimate judge, how does that free us to forgive?
9. "Jesus went through hell so we don't have to go to hell."