



# Self-Study & Care Group Guide

## Overview

God has done everything to bridge the gap between himself and humanity. He did this by sending Jesus to pay the price for sin. The message of Christianity is that those who refuse to ask God to bear their sin will in the end bear sin themselves. The Bible describes two eternal realities, one in heaven with God and the other separated from him in hell. With these outcomes in mind, Christians need to passionately pray and live lives that lead others to a good God who longs to be with them forever.

## Ice Breaker

Looking back on your experience of the Sunday Service and the notes from the teaching, was there something general or specific (a point, verse, or comment) that caught your attention, made you excited, challenged you, or raised a question?

## Part 1

Holiness is one of God's attributes. The word holy means "set apart." It refers to God's absolute moral and ethical purity. Sin on the other hand is an act of offence against God. Sin is any word, deed, or desire in opposition to God and his plan for people. Because God is holy, God cannot tolerate sin.

**Read John 3:16-18, Isaiah 53:4-6, and Revelation 20:11-15.** Is it difficult for you to reconcile God's passionate love for sinful people with the reality of his holiness? Why or why not?

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How does Jesus' sacrifice on the cross help you to understand that God has done everything possible to bridge the gap, and eliminate the separation, between himself and humanity?

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The cross is the most recognizable and powerful symbol of all time. How does the cross show both God's mercy and judgement, his all-inclusive love and his holiness?

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## Part 2

Read and discuss the following CS Lewis quote.

*There are only two kinds of people. There are those who say, "thy will be done" to God or those to whom God in the end says, "thy will be done." All that are in Hell choose it. Without that self-choice, it wouldn't be Hell. Hell is the greatest monument to human freedom.*

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## Part 3

**Read Ezekiel 33:11, 1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 5:8; 2 Timothy 2:25-26.** What is God's heart and intention for all people?

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**Read Romans 10:9-15.** What is our job as Christians according to this passage?

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## Application

Easter is less than a month away. Begin praying for a family member or friend who needs salvation. Then make a plan to invite them to Easter Service at The Father's House, April 21 at 10:30am at The Community Cultural Center.