

## Sermon Discussion Questions, July 17, 2011

Sermon the Mount – Final Week

### *Is Hell Really Dead?* Dr. Rod MacIlvaine

*A Tough Truth from Jesus' Most Famous Sermon*

**1<sup>ST</sup> TRUTH** – Jesus taught extensively about hell. Luke 16:19-31; Matt. 13:40-43

1. What do you think the doctrine of hell encompasses? Do you think the doctrine has evolved to fit the culture? How?
2. Why do you think Jesus taught extensively about hell? (see verses above and look at the context)

**2<sup>ND</sup> TRUTH** – The Bible teaches that hell is the greatest tragedy that can possibly befall a human being. 2 Thess. 1:8-9

3. What do you think hell will really be like? What does scripture teach? How do the realities of hell affect your everyday life?

**3<sup>RD</sup> TRUTH**- The Bible teaches people go to hell because they make a free-will choice to reject God.

4. Why do people go to hell? What does the fact that there is a heaven and a hell teach you about the character of God?

**OBJECTION**- Can we be happy in heaven if loved ones suffer in hell?

5. Have you ever known anyone who died that you were sure did not go to heaven? How did this affect your time of mourning their loss?
6. Can believers be happy in heaven if loved ones suffer in hell?
7. What from this week's sermon has changed the way you think about hell?