

Confronting Christianity

HARD QUESTIONS FOR THE
WORLD'S LARGEST RELIGION

How could a loving God send people to hell?

Opening

Share Highs/Lows since the last time you met or How has God surprised you this past week?

What insights from last week have you reflected this past week? What stayed with you?

How would you answer the title question? What approach would you take with a sceptical conversation partner?

Discussion

1. In your life in the church, have you seen God taught as an Old Testament God of Judgement or New Testament God of Love?
2. How are these different views of God used to justify ones actions?
Do we prefer one to another for ourselves? For our family? For others in society?
3. Is it difficult to believe that a person is more evil than good?
How have you seen this play out in the news? Or in your own home?
4. Why is it some important to be known and loved?
How is it so hard to have both in a relationship?
5. Anger at injustice gives us a key insight to God's love. How do we respond to injustice?
How does God respond to injustice?
6. Grace is waiting for all in Jesus Christ. How does this change our call for justice and a God of judgement?

Wrap Up

Does the Church have a good answer to the question: "How could a loving God send people to hell?"

How are you prepared to answer this question in your own now?