**The Fate of Man: Escaping the Inevitable Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions**

Luke 16:22-23 shows us that the afterlife is real and that one will either be sent to a place of suffering or be in the presence of God forever.

***22****“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.****23****In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.*

Why do you think there are people who choose not to believe that there is such a thing as the afterlife, or say that heaven and hell are not real?

How can we help them realize that heaven and hell are real and that the decisions we make in this life directly affect where we go afterwards?

The knowledge of the afterlife forces the rich man to think of his family and to desperately appeal to Abraham to do something so that they can be saved.

***27****“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,****28****for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’*

Why do you think people (even those who believe in heaven and hell) tend to be carefree about their future and only act when time is running out?

Why are they not fazed by the fact that one may spend eternity suffering in hell?

Abraham’s response to the stubbornness of humans to believe the messengers of God shows us that it really takes a miracle from God for one to be saved.

***31****“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”*

How should this truth affect the way we do our evangelism? What does this mean for us, messengers and bearers of Good News?

What are some possible objections that we will face when we share the Gospel? How do we approach these objections?