**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. October 3, 2021**

**Beware Of Hell**

Mark 9:42-50

**Key Truth:** Be very careful of how you reflect Jesus Christ to others. Our eternity and spiritual rewards are greater than anything this world has to offer.

**What causes a child to turn from following Jesus?**

1. Hypocrisy. **Matthew 23:13-15**

2. Unnecessary judgment. **Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21**

3. Lack of spiritual guidance. **Proverbs 22:6, 2 Timothy 1:5**

**What causes you sin?**

1. It is unique to your natural and spiritual make up.

**James 1:14-15**

2. There are internal struggles we must fight against.

 A. The way to resist internal sin is to run. **1 Corinthians 6:18,**

 **2 Timothy 2:22**

3. There are external things we must stay away from.

 A. The way to resist external trials it to stand firm in the

 faith. **Ephesians 6:13, 1 Peter 5:8**

**Truth Worth Heeding:**

1. Your spiritual life in Christ is worth the necessary sacrifice.

2. Hell is a real place.

3. Jesus Christ came to rescue us from the bondadge of sin

 and death.

4. We are called to live in harmony with one another.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Live as children of God in the midst of a watching world.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

In this weekend’s message we heard about God’s call for us to watch ourselves and make sure we aren’t causing others to stumble. What guidance is given in the following verses to help us encourage others and avoid causing them to stumble?

Romans 14:20-23

1 Corinthians 8:7-13

James 3:1-5

James 1:14 speaks of our own desires leading to sin. Pastor spoke about some sins are unique to our natural and spiritual make up. What’s the danger in creating your list and expecting others to follow it?

What guidance is given in the following verses to help us encourage others and avoid causing them to stumble?

Psalm 139:23-24

Proverbs 15:31

Proverbs 27:6

Proverbs 27:17

READ MARK 9:43-48: What is the contrast between Jesus’ warning in these verses and the warning in verses 38-41?

Are you as concerned about your own obedience as you are others? How can you grow regarding this?