



## **Discussion Guide: Beyond – Do Not Perish**

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**New River Church**

### **Icebreaker**

**Have you ever had a moment when something suddenly became very real or serious to you? What caused that shift in perspective?**

### **Big Idea**

**The warning about judgment is not meant to scare us but to awaken us to the seriousness of sin and the depth of God's love that made a way for us to be saved.**

### Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Keith pointed out that Jesus spoke about hell more than anyone else in Scripture. Why do you think Jesus addressed such a difficult subject so directly?
2. Many people have seen the topic of hell used in manipulative or fear-driven ways. How did this message help you see the heart behind Jesus' warnings differently?
3. Jesus tells His disciples not to fear those who can harm the body but to take seriously what affects the soul. How does that change the way we think about what really matters in life?
4. The sermon described how people often replace God with lesser things like money, comfort, pleasure, power, or success. Which of these do you see most shaping our culture today?
5. Pastor Keith said the greatest idol of all is often ourselves and our desire to have life our way. Where do you notice that tendency showing up in your own life?
6. The message explained that God's anger toward sin is actually connected to His love, not opposed to it. How does the idea that indifference is the opposite of love help you understand God's justice?
7. Pastor Keith emphasized that Jesus willingly endured the full weight of sin and separation so we could be saved. How does that deepen your understanding of the cross and God's love for you?

### Closing Reflection

If God has gone to such lengths to rescue us, what might it look like for you to respond more fully to His invitation this week?