

101 PEOPLE YOU WON'T MEET IN HEAVEN

INTRO: Fill in title and ask the crowd if they can name five people listed in Michael Powell's book. Hold up the book. You can offer a person \$5 for getting it right or some fake money. Interaction with people over this issue will help build the crowd.

- I. What keeps people out of Heaven?
 - a.) Did these people commit the unpardonable sin in Powell's eyes?
 - b.) All 101 people were guilty of one particular sin—murder
 - c.) An object lesson using real or fake money and a bottle of water could be used at this time.
 - 1.) Hold money in one hand and a bottle of water in the other and ask the crowd if they had to choose between the 2 items, which one would you choose?
 - 2.) Tell the crowd that a man is dying of thirst in the desert. He is approached and told he has to choose only one item—a bottle of H₂O or \$\$\$\$. What makes the H₂O more valuable in the 2nd illustration? Answer: life is priceless and that's what made these 101 people so despicable in Powell's eyes.
 - d.) You could go to Point II at this time or if you have a college age crowd or wish to expand upon the issue of judging others, you could use the following line of reasoning.
 - 1.) Do people have the right to determine right and wrong for themselves?
 - a.) If you say yes, then these 101 people did nothing wrong
 - b.) If you say yes then this question could be asked? Is there anyone in the world right now doing things you believe they should stop doing no matter what they personally believe about the correctness of their behavior?
 - 2.) All of us have a sense of justice and a list of people we would not invite to our party

II. At the bottom of the sketch put up this statement, “Do you consider yourself to be a good person” or “Are you a good person”?

- 1.) Have “God” already put up in candle and say that if you want to end up in God’s Heaven, we need to use His standard.
- 2.) Elaborate on God’s standard of the 10 Commandments so that the crowd will come to this conclusion
 - a.) I fall short (Rom 3:23)
 - b.) I am not righteous (Rom 3:10)
 - c.) I am guilty (Rom 3:19)

III. Complete painting three vertical lines connecting the two birds(upper left hand corner) making it appear as a book. (Beforehand draw the word “Life” in wax). Now draw over the wax once with black paint and the word “Life” will appear. God has a book called the “Book of Life” that has the names of those who will be in Heaven.

Meditate on these verses: Dan 12:1; Lk 10:20; Rev 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:15, 21:27

IV. How can I be sure my name is in the Book of Life?

- a.) **Repent**—agree with God that you deserve punishment, Hell, instead of Heaven. Luke 13:3,5 and Acts 17:30
- b.) Preach the **cross and resurrection** at this point while drawing in the cross, the blood and the resurrection.
- c.) Preach for a **verdict**. II Cor 5:20

