

Home Small Group Lesson
New Heavens and New Earth
Isaiah 65

Start It Up

- **Opening Icebreaker:**

*On Sunday we sang the chorus “*When the Roll is Called up Yonder.*” Maybe sing this as a group – have fun! Or discuss: what is one of your favorite old hymns & why?

Talk it Over

- **Sermon in a Sentence:**

- *God is eager to be found,* (v.1-7)
- *...and saves those who seek Him,* (v.8-16)
- *...promising a New Creation!* (v.17-25)

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?
- Read Romans 10:20-21. Why does Paul quote Isaiah 65? Briefly look at the context and discuss: What does this tell us about the character of God & the nature of man?
- Read Isaiah 65:11-12. Though a bit confusing, the issue of people who treat life as “Fate & Destiny.” They take their chances, roll the dice that this is all there is. Describe one person you have known who thinks that way. What do they say about God/Heaven?
- The end of Isaiah 65 gives a glimpse into the New Creation (see below). Perhaps read v.17-25 then discuss: What one thing about the New Earth most excites you? What one thing is most confusing about what is to come?
 - Trouble, Forgotten (v.17)
 - Sorrow, Eliminated (v.18-19)
 - Death, Conquered (v.20)
 - Frustration, Removed (v.21-24)
 - Curse, Lifted (v.25)
- Read v.17. What is one thing on earth you are most excited about “forgetting” so that you remember it no more?

Pray it Over:

- Thank God for the coming New Creation...thanking Him for 1 thing that excites you!
- Pray for something that personally causes you distress & sorrow. Cast your worries and cares to Him today.
- Pray for someone who has lost a loved one recently. Pray for the comfort of Holy Spirit.
- Pray for people employed in your group, that they would “enjoy the work of their hands.”
- Pray for Baby Boaz Koontz (4 ½ months old) who continues to fight for life!