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Groups Sermon Study Questions

Heaven

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Message Summary

Where do we go when we die? Is a question many, if not all of us, have asked ourselves at one time or another. When we place our faith in Jesus, we know that our eternal home is with him in heaven. This week we examined heaven and its impact on our lives today.

Consider This

Do you think there is a fascination with heaven in our culture? Why or why not?

What do you picture heaven to be like?

Study Questions

Heaven Today

Read John 14:1-4; Luke 23:43; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

1. Comparing the images in these verses, what similarities In looking at these passages, how would you describe heaven today?

- 2. Why do you think it is important that Jesus ascended into heaven?
- 3. As 1 Corinthians 5:1 points out, where do believers go when they die? Why is this important?
- 4. How does knowing that heaven awaits those who follow Jesus impact your life today?

The Heaven to Come

Read 1 Corinthians 15:45-58; Revelation 21- 22:1-5

- 5. How would you describe the new heaven to come?
- 6. As believers in Jesus, what is our state in the new heaven?
- 7. What is our relationship with God like in the new heaven?
- 8. How does knowing that this is to come, impact your life today?

Living in Light of Heaven

Read Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Philippians 1:20-26; Philippians 3:20-21; Hebrews 3:1

- 9. Comparing these verses, what are the characteristics of a life focused on heaven as the ultimate goal?
- 10. What does it look like for us to "store up treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6 passage) on a daily basis?

- 11. Do you think your daily life reflects the heaven-ward focus of 2 Corinthians 5 and Philippians 1 passages? Why or Why not? If not, what's one change that you can make to reorient your life in this manner?
- 12. The Philippians 3 and Hebrews 3 passages speak to our heavenly citizenship and calling. What does it look like to fulfill those in your life today?

Action Steps

For Further Study
Below are several resources that you can use to study hell
this week

Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology "Heaven" https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/bakers -evangelical-dictionary/heaven-heavensheavenlies.html

"Heaven- What's it like and Where is it?"

https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical
-studies/what-is-heaven-like-11636670.html

Randy Alcorn, "Heaven Won't Be Boring" https://www.ligonier.org/blog/heaven-wont-beboring/