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**Summer at Epic - Part 4 - What About Heaven?
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He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. – Ecclesiastes 3:11

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. – 1 Thessalonians 4:13

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT HEAVEN

¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.
– Revelation 21:1-5, 7

- **Heaven is a REAL place.**
- **Heaven is a RIGHT place.**
- **Heaven is a RELATIONAL place.**
- **Heaven is a REWARDING place.**

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN

- **“I can EARN my way.”**
- **“All ROADS lead there.”**
- **“Then is then, now is now.”**

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. – Matthew 6:19-21

TREASURES IN HEAVEN

1) Fully COMMIT to Jesus.

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. – Matthew 13:44-46

2) Live to SERVE others.

³⁷ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’
– Matthew 24:37-40