

THE NEW EARTH

SMALL GROUP NOTES

Olly Knight, 11/10/15

Theme

What eternity with Jesus will be like on this New Earth

Scriptures

Isaiah 65:17-25

Outline

It's more Physical than you think

When Jesus returns he will renew this earth that we live on making a new earth. We will live with physical resurrection bodies on this physical earth. We are told that we will build houses, enjoy a plot of land and there will be good things for us to enjoy.

It's Bigger than you think

In eternity 100 years might feel like a short time. In eternity doing work will be so much more rewarding than work on this old earth. In eternity peace will fill the earth. Eternity will be bigger and better than we can imagine.

It's more Joyful than you think

Jesus is preparing us a home to enjoy with each other and most importantly with Him! There will be a wedding, a feast and laughter. We will get to enjoy Jesus together forever.

Questions for discussion

1. Couldn't Isaiah's description of eternity just be poetic? How do we know that we will live in a physical place? (Find other scriptures as evidence!)
2. Doesn't V20 imply that death will occur in eternity? Doesn't this contradict with Isaiah 25 "Death will be swallowed up forever"?
3. What do you enjoy most about this life? What can you imagine it being like on the new earth?
4. Olly finished his talk with a quote from John Piper that asked the question "If you could have all of heaven's benefits- no death, sin, pain and sadness but without Jesus would you be satisfied there?" How can we find our satisfaction in the PERSON of Jesus more than in the PLACE He is preparing for us?

Tags

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