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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Sermon Series: Living with Eternity in Mind Sermon Title: Heaven is the Real Deal Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4
Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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AGES: 3 years-2nd grade

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Sermon Notes April 16, 2023

Heaven is the Real Deal

<u>Big Idea</u> I should be focused on Christ and life above.
Colossians 3:1-4
Heaven in the Bible
Sky Stars Abode of God
Heaven – the place where God resides
Heaven is a sin free environment and it's the place where God is seen in all of His glory.

Because I have been raised to new life with Christ:

-The proper focus of my life should be on Christ and the Life Above.

-I am called to obey.

-I am not called to escape the world but to obey God within it.

-The heavenly realm where Christ reigns should set the priorities for my life, not the world in which I live.

Set your sights

Think about

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. -2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Talk It Over

<u>Ice Breaker</u>: Where did your original view of Heaven come from? (God's Word, church, popular culture?)

- 1. According to Colossians 3:1, where are you right now? What implications does this have for your relationship with God?
- 2. What does Colossians 3:1-4 tell us about our new selves? HINT: There's one word in verse 1 and one word in verse 3.
- 3. What do you think it means that we are "hidden" in Christ?
- 4. What are some examples of things that represent a focus on earthly things?
- 5. When do you find it difficult to stay focused on heavenly realities? What can we do to help maintain our focus?
- 6. What does it mean to set our sights (focus) on the realities of heaven? How do we practically do this?