

CENTERGROVE CHURCH

Scriptures for further study

Isaiah 46:10 | Revelation 21:4 | 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 14:2-4

“Hope in heaven is not some faint, dreamy wish, for those who are embracing some religious delusion. Hope in God’s promise is a confident expectation in a guaranteed result. Paradise is coming; it’s yours by grace.” -Paul David Tripp

1. What is the Holy Spirit showing you personally during this unprecedented season of life? To keep on believing in God and to keep on believing in Jesus requires that we go to the foundations of our faith and remind ourselves of who God is, what He has done, what He is doing and what He has promised to do. Jesus gives His disciples some new facts for faith. We find these “facts of faith” in verse 2 and following.
2. Jesus makes it clear that heaven is a very real place, one from where He came and one to where He was about to go. He also made it clear that those who place their faith in Him have a home with Him in heaven. How does it help you to process our current situation knowing this fact - Jesus is preparing a place for you in His Father’s house?
3. The greatest thing about the Father’s house is not the gates of pearl, the golden streets or the river of life. The greatest thing about the Father’s house is the Father. Perfect love, security and acceptance. How does knowing this help in times of trouble?
4. When Jesus says, “I am going to prepare a place for you,” He is announcing His plan according to the Father’s purpose, and there is not a human being, demon or power in all the earthly or spiritual realm that can undo it. What is Jesus doing to prepare a perfect home for us?
5. There is a fact of faith to make you strong. Jesus said, “I’m coming back to take you home.” We are never forsaken or forgotten no matter what our troubles may try to tell us. Jesus is coming again! The first time, Jesus came as a lowly baby. The second time, He will come as the Imperial King of the Universe. Trouble will be banished. He will retrieve us, receive us and glorify us. He will finish what He started - He’ll make us perfect and pure. How does this final fact help in times of trouble?
6. In your own words, what is the overall message of this passage: John 14:1-6? Can you think of a situation or circumstance in your own life where you experienced what these verses are teaching? What are some of the benefits of applying these verses to your life?