

Sermon Discussion Questions

8th Day People: Imagination Shaped By Heaven – Matt Slocum

4 February 2024

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:1-7, 18-22

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Matt continues the series **8th Day People**. In the message this week, **Imagination Shaped By Heaven**, Matt explores the reality that our imagination is shaped by something which frames our view of the world. Let's dive in and see what the world should look like when heaven shapes our imagination.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Imagination is the faculty of framing new ideas, inclinations, impulses, images, and concepts. What things have shaped your imagination up to this point?
2. Read Genesis 28:10-17. This story illustrates heaven can be right in front of you, and you can totally miss it. Discuss this idea: How does it change how you look at things in your life?
3. Review the concepts of the biblical imagination, i.e., the higher levels of reality, water, dry land, heaven, the tree, and the temple.
4. Close your eyes and ask the Holy Spirit to come and engage your imagination. Share anything that you see in your mind. Try not to discount or explain away; share whatever comes to mind.

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. If you had to select a last meal, what would you have?
2. If you suddenly received a million dollars, what would be the first thing you would do?
3. What is a smell that brings back very special memories for you? What makes it special?

APPLICATION

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see what is shaping your imagination. Is your imagination being shaped by your past or the present? Or is it being shaped by heaven? Share with your group what the Holy Spirit revealed.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Kingdom Come: 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, 5-25 February, <https://nwckc.com/kingdom-come-fast>

Child Dedications, 11 February at 9:00 and 11:00 am, Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.

FINAL THOUGHT

**Heaven is the ultimate cause and source of all life,
but it is invisible and inaccessible unless
we have our imaginations transformed.**