

**“Longing for Home”  
2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

**1. We Know We Don't Belong Here**

**(vv. 1-4)**

- We feel the temporary nature of life
- We long for a permanent home
- CSL quote: “If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”
- Tent vs. Building = Tabernacle vs. Temple
- “Not made with human hands
- Unclothed vs. clothed – taking off shadow and being exposed

***Our longing for an eternal home is proof that there is one***

**2. We Know What's Coming**

**(vv.5-8)**

- Absent from the body = present with the Lord
- Mortality is swallowed up by everlasting life
- Proof? HOLY SPIRIT
- Walking by faith in this is a result of our courage and knowledge

***So what happens when we die?***

**3. We Know How to Respond**

**(vv. 9-10)**

- Pleasing the Lord is the only reasonable response to this glorious gift
- Pleasing the Lord vs. pleasing...self? Idols? World? Flesh?
- Judgement is real, and our deeds will be measured as being 1) pleasing to God or 2) Not
- It's a good thing our salvation isn't dependent on our behavior

***Because of God's grace in transforming us and giving us an eternal home,  
we live to please Him***

Questions for reflection, study, and small groups:

- 1) What do you imagine heaven to be like?
- 2) What does it mean, "To be away from the body is to be present with the Lord"?
- 3) What are the differences between going to be with the Lord when we die and being with the Lord after our resurrection?
- 4) How does the Holy Spirit guarantee a future home with Jesus? How can you know you have this guarantee?
- 5) Since these guarantees are true, how should it affect your behavior? Why should it affect your behavior?
- 6) Pray that the Holy Spirit would remind you of the glories to come and use that reminder to motivate you towards obedience.