

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
March 18, 2018



The Story of God – Week 6

BIBLE IN A YEAR READING (SPEND 10- 15 MINUTES HERE):

Spend a little time at the beginning of each week to talk through the “Bible in a Year” reading plan. Use this as a time to encourage, discuss, and apply what we’ve read together this week since our group last met. Give people an opportunity to share around these 3 general questions:

1. What passage(s) did God use this week to help you grow?
2. What passage(s) did you have challenges with? Why?
3. What passage(s) did you not understand?

Encourage your group members to dive into study and research when they come across passages that they don’t agree with or don’t understand. There are some great resources online. Here are a few to share:

<http://blueletterbible.org/> - Tons of biblical study resources available

For the Love of God – Vol 1 & 2 – Daily reading commentary

INTRO:

When you think of heaven, what comes to mind? Is it biblical, or “Christian folklore and myth”? Cherubs, houses made of clouds, we turn into angels, etc...?

Does the thought that heaven is a new creation, new earth, etc... excite you or disappoint you compared to the mythical place that it can often be built up to be?

DIVE IN:

1. Scripture says that Jesus is coming back soon... but it can be easy to see “soon” as relative since it’s been 2000+ years already. How frequently do you think about eternity?
2. Pastor Paul shared that heaven is a real place (Rev 21:14). Is it easier or harder to believe it’s going to be real, not just some spiritual place in the clouds?
3. Heaven is a right place (Rev 21:4). What are you most looking forward to being free of in eternity?
4. Pastor Paul said “we as Christians should take the lead in ending racism by the way we treat someone that is different from us on THIS side of heaven since there will be all nations together on the other side.” How are you living this?
5. Do you have relationships with people that are different from you? If not, are you asking God to bring people that are different than you into your life? Are you responding if/when he does?

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6. In light of eternity, what personal energies do you need to refocus when it comes to money and generosity? Are you storing up treasure for heaven or for this life?
7. Are you more focused on where you are going or where you are? Why? How do you personally refocus on the eternal?
8. How is God using you in His rescue mission to reach the lost?
9. Pastor Paul said that “people last forever”. How does this perspective change how you see people?
10. What does it look like for you to keep eternity in focus in a way that brings intentionality and urgency to your actions now? How do you do that without being fear driven from simply wanting to avoid hell?

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week’s message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?