



To Fully Enjoy the Abundant Life We Must Anticipate Our Eternal Life

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read: John 14:1-3, Matthew 6:19-21

1. What do these verses tell us about the importance of keeping heaven in mind?

Take some time to look up and read: Colossians 3:1-2, Romans 8:8, 19, 24-25, 1 Peter 1:3-13, 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

2. Summarize some of the big ideas and felt experiences related by the apostles regarding heaven.

Take some time to look up and read: Revelation 21:1-4, 1 Corinthians 15:42-43, 1 Corinthians 2:9

3. What do these verses tell us about what heaven will be like?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. Where has your understanding of heaven come from? What details and perspectives (good/bad, right/wrong) have you “picked up” along the way?
5. How would you define “eternal life” and when it begins for followers of Christ?
6. How will anticipating heaven help us now?
7. What details about heaven or “eternal life” would you share with someone exploring or new to Christianity?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****