

Faith Community Church Set Your Mind

Faith Group Questions & Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Father, it is so easy to get caught up in what the world says is important. Help us to focus, even as we study, on what YOU say is important.

Key Takeaways:

- 1. We must set our minds, affections, and hearts on heaven and God's Kingdom.
- 2. Our position is seated with Christ in Heaven.
- 3. Our position directs our priority, focus, and efforts toward God's Kingdom.
- 4. We are in a predicament caught between who we are and who we will become.
- 5. Heaven with Christ is our prospect and should drive our actions.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How did you experience Jesus as the Way, Truth, or Life last week?
- 2. What does it mean to be "raised with Christ" and how does this impact our daily lives as Christians? (Romans 6:1-11)
- 3. The pastor mentions our "position" in Christ. How would you explain this concept to a new believer? (Ephesians 1:3-7)
- 4. What are some practical ways we can "seek the things that are above" in our everyday lives? (Look at these sections of Scripture: Matt 5:21-26, 27-30, 33-37, 38-42, 43-47)
- 5. How can focusing on heaven help us navigate earthly challenges and temptations? (Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

- 6. The sermon mentions meditating on our own death. Why might this be beneficial, and how can we do this in a healthy way? (1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 2 Timothy 4:6-8)
- 7. In what ways have you experienced your life being "hidden with Christ in God"? How has this affected your interactions with non-believers? (1 Corinthians 1:18-19, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-20)
- 8. How does the prospect of Christ's return and our future glory impact your current priorities and decisions? (2 Peter 3:11-14, 17-18)

Practical Applications:

- 1. Daily Reflection: Commit to giving God your first 5 minutes (or more) every day this week. Meditate on heavenly things and allow God to set your priorities for the day.
- 2. Heavenly Perspective: When facing challenges or making decisions, pause to consider how your eternal perspective should influence your response.
- 3. Treasure in Heaven: Evaluate your use of time, talents, and resources. Are you investing in eternal things? Come up with one way to invest in eternity this week. Tell us about it next week!
- 4. Peculiar Living: Identify one area where you can courageously live out your faith, even if it makes you seem "peculiar" to others.
- 5. Future Glory Motivation: Write down how the promise of future glory in Christ can motivate you in a current struggle or goal.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for our position in Christ and ask for His help in setting our minds on things above. Pray for the group to live with an eternal perspective this week.