

**SERMON SERIES:** Heaven  
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## Key Line

We need to invest ourselves in making it here like it is there.

## Introduction

What about Heaven excites you? What aspects of Heaven would you like to see here on earth? Today we'll be discussing what we should be doing between now and Heaven (in other words, while we are alive!).

## Seek the Word

Read Matthew 6:9-10. From v. 10, what are we to pray for? *God's kingdom to come now; His will to be done "here" just like it is "there"*.

Now, verses 19-21. What are we to invest in? *Things that last forever, that are eternal.* What things are eternal? *God, people, God's Word.*

So, following up on v.10, we'll discuss three ways we can bring Heaven to earth now.

1) Live the way He has called us to live.

Read Hebrews 11: 24-26. What can we learn from Moses' example, about living the way God has called us to live? *Look long-term, rather than short term. Refuse to go for the pleasures of sin. Choose to be associated with God, and His work.*

2) Fight for what will last.

What are some things people fight for?

What are some things you have fought for, or are fighting for? Are they are of eternal significance?

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8. From what you know of Paul's life, what was his "good fight"? ...what did he fight for? *For the gospel, for people to come to know Jesus.*

3) Shine light into the darkness.

Read Matthew 5:14-16. What does Jesus mean when he calls us the light of the world? And, how does that relate to "bringing Heaven to earth now"? *We can point people to Jesus as the only way to get out of a dark, hopeless life. Any good we do is to point people to our Father in Heaven.*

## Talk About It

Pick one of the three points above that especially relates to you right now. Why did you pick it? What lessons have you learned in that area (in the past)? Or, what lessons are you learning (currently)? Or what lessons do you want to learn (so, in the future)?

Revisit our Key Line: “We need to invest ourselves in making it here like it is there.”  
How are you doing that? How can/should you do that?

Revisit our sermon series key line: “A better understanding of Heaven will give us a better understanding of God.” So, what have you learned about Heaven during this series? How might that learning give you a better understanding of God?