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3. In what ways do you see heaven & earth overlapping already in our world?
4. The Bible answers very few of our questions about our eternal experience. Which questions do you still have which you would most like an answer for? **(Remember to send your questions to [luke@winklermb.com](mailto:luke@winklermb.com) for the chance to have them responded to on the last Sunday in this series).**

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