

## **GOD'S GOOD PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

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## WHAT IS JESUS DOING NOW? Talk-it-Over Notes | June 10-11, 2023

### REVIEW IT

Not only was Jesus resurrected, he is STILL alive! So, what's he been doing for the last two millennia in the heavenly realms? What will he do until he returns? 1) He is keeping his family secure. 2) He is interceding on our behalf. 3) He is preparing a home for us in Heaven. 4) He is authorizing us to finish the assignment.

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**Spend some time in the word: Read John chapter 14**

### TALK ABOUT IT

- How would you describe God's love for you? ("See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are." 1 John 3:1) Do you see God as a perfect Father?
- Our eternal security is God's job, not our job. What does 2 Timothy 1:12 have to say about the security of a Christian's connection with God? How will this truth help you in your personal relationship with him?
- Scripture says that our heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit all intercede for us. (John 17:9, 11, 15, 20; Hebrews 7:24-25; Romans 8:26). What would you tell a person who has a hard time believing that the Trinity is rooting for them?
- What is one of the most spectacular sights you've seen on earth? According to 1 Corinthians 2:9, what will heaven be like? Since God created imperfect earth and perfect heaven, how does this affect your vision of heaven?

### ACT ON IT

Many of us can be hesitant to share our faith. In Matthew 28:18-20 what assurance does Jesus give us? How might his words motivate you to share your faith?

### PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.