

Share the *Experience*

Week of February 7, 2021

Discussion Questions:

1. What TV show, movie, book or stories have shaped your view of heaven? How have those been helpful and how are they misleading?
2. Read Revelation 21:4. What are some of the “old order of things” that will not be in heaven? Be specific in describing those sufferings, hurts, and heartaches.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9. How does knowing that even our wildest imaginations cannot compare to heaven create anticipation for you? How does it motivate you?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10. Paul Smith said two statements:
 - a. Our salvation is not the same as our reward.
 - b. Part of the law of sowing and reaping is that what we sow in this life we reap the reward in eternity.How does this motivate you now to make every day matter?
5. C.S. Lewis said *“Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.”* What can you do this next week (in your work, in your marriage, in your friendships) that will reflect the truth about eternity?

6. Everyone spends eternity somewhere. Who in your circles of relationship has not received God's gift of salvation? How can you invest in their life in order to impact their eternity? Spend some time as a group praying for specific names.

Moving Forward

When Heaven is trivialized, our lives become marginalized. Many people think about what they want written on their tombstone -- what they want to be remembered by. Focus more on being joyful, productive, and fulfilled in this life to prepare for your life in eternity?

Revelation 21:4

And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 22:1-2, 5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life bearing 12 crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive what is due them for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has **not** seen, **nor** ear heard, **Nor** have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."