

Connect Group Bible Study

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His Kingdom, His Culture

Heaven

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Open with invitation of the Spirit (prayer/music)

Big Idea: Heaven is the final episode for the Kingdom of God and it is the great hope of every Christian.

Background info:

Q: How have you previously thought of heaven? What it would be like and how we exist there?

Explore & Apply:

Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Q: *Why should we think about heaven? How is it helpful?*

Q: *Read through chapter 21 of Revelation and discuss any of the items that were presented in the Sunday sermon such as:*

- *The word 'new' in the Bible is primarily a word of redemption.*
- *Why would there be no sea in Heaven?*
- *What is the significance of verse 4?*
- *What does the Heavenly city look like? How big is it and how is it shaped?*
- *Can you find the connections between this Heavenly city in Revelation and the Garden of Eden in Genesis 1-3?*
- *What is the significance of the pearl gates?*
- *Why is there no sun or moon?*
- *Why do the gates of heaven never need to close?*

All about Jesus:

The Heavenly City is certainly worth pondering as a location and a city – but of much greater significance is who we will dwell with!

Revelation 21 (multiple passages) (ESV) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God

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And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb

Furthermore, there is a reminder in Romans 6:23 and many other passages that this eternity in Heaven is only through faith in Jesus Christ.

Further challenge (optional extras for the group):

Q: Should we desire the return of Christ?

Titus 2:13. Hebrews 9:27-28, 2 Timothy 4:8