

Crucial Questions

What Will Heaven Be Like? Part II

CONNECT:

If “new normal” = flexible, how have you exhibited “new normal” this past week?

PREPARE:

As a review from last week, Heaven is:

- a place for God’s dwelling
- a place with God’s blessing
- a place of God’s glory

We can imagine heaven as long as something fits within those three things.

Often in the discussion of heaven, “end times” (telos - which means purpose/goal/destination) comes up. How does the destination help define the journey getting there?

STUDY AND DISCUSS:

- Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. What does “all things” refer to? (Hint: Read Revelation 4:11, and 21:5)
- Read Genesis 1:28 and 2:15. Based on those verses, what three things were given to us prior to the fall? Which one will not be in heaven?
- Will marriage be in heaven? What is the purpose of marriage? Read Luke 20:34-36; Ephesians 5:31-32.
- What will we be like? What will our bodies be like? Read Romans 8:22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Philippians 3:21.
- Will we eat and drink in heaven? - Yes! Read Revelation 19:9; Luke 22:18; Does God make celebrations and festivals important throughout Scripture?
- What about animals? Read Isaiah 65:25; Isaiah 11:8. Genesis 1:20-22. If God redeems all creation, it would make sense that this beautiful part of his creation will be in heaven.
- What will we do in heaven (work, sports, entertainment)? Discuss.

Community Group Discussion Questions

- Are there levels of Heaven or rewards? Read Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 3:10-15; 1 Thessalonians 2:19.
- What happens to babies who die? Read Psalm 139:13-14; Luke 1:15; 2 Samuel 12:23. [Note: Salvation is always because of God's mercy, not because of our merits - see Romans 9:14-18]
- Who will be in heaven? Read John 14:6; Romans 6:23; John 3:3; John 1:12

RESPONSE:

Read the following quote and discuss:

“Like a bride’s dreams of sharing a home with her groom, our love for heaven should be overflowing and contagious, just like our love for God. Our passion for God and our passion for heaven should be inseparable. The more I learn about God, the more excited I get about heaven. The more I learn about heaven, the more excited I get about God...If you lack a passion for heaven I can almost guarantee it’s because you have a weak, deficient, and distorted theology of heaven (or you’re making choices that conflict with heaven’s agenda). A robust, accurate, and biblically-energized view of heaven will bring a new spiritual passion to your life.

- Randy Alcorn

PRAY

Ask God to give you a passion for Him and a passion for heaven that will overflow and be contagious to those around us!