

Life After Death

What is Heaven Like?

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- When you think of Heaven, what do you envision? (What it's like, what it will be like?)
- Why do you think people focus on earth as the priority over heaven being the priority?

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

Reflect:

1.) Read 1st Corinthians 2:9 NLT and Revelation 21:1 NIV - Pastor Jason provided four attributes of Heaven: Heaven is a Real Place (Revelation 21:16 NIV), A Right Place (Revelation 21:4 NIV), a Relational Place (Revelation 21:3 NIV), and a Rewarding Place (Revelation 22:12 NIV.) We choose where we spend our eternity.

How does each attribute speak to you personally?

What draws you to pursue an eternity in Heaven over any other place?

Why is the following statement true? "God does NOT send people to hell."

- 2.) Read 2nd Corinthians 13:5 NIV Pastor Jason identified four myths and four truths about Heaven:
- A.) Myth: You can get to Heaven by **being a good person** (Romans 3:20 NIV.) Truth: You can't be **good enough**. (Isaiah 64:6 NIV)
- B.) Myth: You can get to Heaven by **believing In God** (<u>James 2:19</u> NIV.) Truth: You must **put your faith on God** (<u>Romans 10:9,13</u>).
- C.) Myth: You can get to Heaven by **being religious** (<u>Titus 1:16</u> NIV.) Truth: You must **become a new person** (<u>John 3:3</u> NIV.)
- D.) Myth: You can get to Heaven by **praying a prayer** (1^{st} John 1:6:7.) Truth: You have to **know Him** (1^{st} Matthew 7:22-23 NLT.)

How does each myth speak to you personally as it relates to your personal walk with Christ?

How does each truth speak to the way one should strive to live after salvation?



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Apply It:

In order to be set free by the truth we need to know the truth, believe the truth, receive the truth, and ultimately obey the truth, so we can live the truth. Get in touch with what you really believe about God, His provision in Christ, this earth, Heaven, death, and what a life outside of God's presence would really be like. Where do you want to be after your time here is over? Know what gets your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Develop a plan today to live intentional and in alignment with your choice and where your eyes are fixed. Develop a spiritual discipline to reject anything that does not conform to the will of God. Nothing is better than an eternity in God's presence. Make your eternity with God your focus and goal each day. Each day lived in Christ pays off in eternity.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week.

Lord knowing the truth is one of the most important things we could ever pursue. Where we live right now is temporal and is temporary. You live in eternity and have prepared a place for us with You in eternity. You give us free will to make our choice. You give us time to decide. How much time is uncertain so may today be the day we make a firm decision. You give us servants who warn us. You give us others who inform us. Thank You for Your grace. Thank You for Your mercy. Thank You for Your long suffering toward us and Your patience toward us. May we choose Your way and forsake the pleasures of this world to fix our eyes, minds, and hearts upon Heaven and being with You for eternity, in Christ we pray, amen.