

DISCUSSION GUIDE

CORE52 | #52 Heaven

Revelation 21:1-3

July 9 & 12, 2020



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1. Before this week's message, how did you imagine heaven? What did it look/feel like? What would we do? Etc.
2. Now that you've heard Revelation 21-22, what's your new idea of heaven?
3. What stood out to you from the Apostle John's glimpse into heaven?

Hope for the next life

4. Read Colossians 1:5. Where/what is our hope? (You can read more about hope from Romans 8:18-25 & 15:13, Ephesians 1:18 & 4:4, Colossians 1:27, and 1 Peter 1:3.)
5. Read Acts 26:6, 2 Corinthians 3:12, and 1 Thessalonians 1:3. How can hope in Christ affect the way we live this life?

6. Consider 1 Corinthians 15:19. What does it mean? How should our hopes (for this life and for the next life) compare to each other? How should that affect the way we live now?

New Earth

7. Read Matthew 13:44-46. Are you as excited as the men in the parables? Would you sell everything you had? Why or why not?
8. Revelation 21:16 gives away that the New Jerusalem will be about 1,400 miles cubed. That is two thirds the size of the moon or the size of Pluto. Grand Junction to Detroit is about this distance! Now imagine that in three dimensions!
9. Read John 14:2, Philippians 3:21, and Revelation 22:20. What came to mind as you read those verses?
10. How is God using these verses to challenge your thinking?
11. If you thought you were going to heaven next week, how might you live differently this week?
12. What has this study taught you about heaven?
13. Why does it matter?

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