

Discussion opener

What's one nagging question you can't wait to ask God once you get to Heaven? Mine has always been, "why did you make mosquitoes?" Maybe you've got a better one...

Message Thoughts

Ahh, Heaven... This weekend we looked at what the Bible has to say about Heaven. Is it a real place? Who will end up there? What if I don't look good in a white robe?

Discussion

Notes for discussion leader in italics. If it's helpful to read these thoughts to the group, go for it!

Read John 14:1-6

When you hear the word Heaven, what do you imagine?

Is anyone ever nervous that they'll get bored in Heaven? What will we do there?

What are some reassuring things we can learn from this passage?

"Do not let your hearts be trouble." it's almost like Jesus is saying, trust me, it's gonna be good. There's more than enough room. We'll be together.

Who is Heaven designed for? Let's take a look at a few passages that help us answer that question. We need readers for:

John 3:17 *Jesus did not come to condemn, but to save*

1 Tim 2:4 *God wants everyone to be saved*

2 Peter 3:9 *God doesn't want anyone to perish*

If Heaven is meant for everyone, why will some still end up in hell?

If given the choice, who would not choose Heaven?

It all comes down to free will. God loves us so much that He won't force us to be with him. To illustrate this idea, read this quote slowly and clearly for your group, maybe more than once.

In C.S. Lewis' fictional story of heaven and hell called *The Great Divorce*, a resident of heaven says, "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened."

What do you think of this quote? What do you think of the idea that without self-choice there could be no hell?

Last week we closed with the question 'do we live like we believe in Hell.'

Do we live like we believe in Heaven?

How should we live our lives here on earth knowing that there's something on the other side of death?

Prayer

God help us to live fully-present in this life while also looking forward to eternity with you. Help us remember our responsibility to bring glimpses of Heaven to our hurting world here and now. May your will be done, Father, on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.