

What Happens When I Die...

Discussion Guide

Week of April 30 - **"Heaven"**

Scripture: John 14:1-7 / Revelation 21

LOOKING BACK:

It is never a good thing to be caught unaware and unprepared, as we learned last week in the parable of the 10 virgins. What steps have you taken to watch and be prepared for Jesus' return--more time in God's word, set aside time to pray, finding ways to worship Him? Did you share His love with someone this week?

Ask your group members to pray specifically for the Holy Spirit to increase their understanding of God's plan for eternity as it is revealed through this session's study of Scripture. Ask Him to also bring someone specific to mind who they may need to share about this wonderful place called Heaven.

LOOKING UP:

Ask someone in your group to read Revelation 21:1-8. How is heaven described in this passage? Where is God in this passage? Do you find any comfort while listening to this description?

Ask two or three people to read Revelation 21:9-27. (Breaking the passage up between several people will ease the burden of reading a long passage.)

As the passage was being read, did you picture what heaven looks like? What did you envision? Who is allowed into heaven (v. 27)?

Ask someone who hasn't gotten the chance to read yet to read John 14:1-7.

Discuss questions 1 and 2 below.

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| <p>READ THE PASSAGE John 14:1-7</p> <p>Answer the first 2 questions after reading the passage</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What stood out to you most?2. What was challenging or hard to understand?3. What does this teach us about God?4. What does this teach us about people? | <p>RE-READ THE PASSAGE</p> <p>Read passage again using another Bible translation... then answer the last 2 questions</p> |
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LOOKING FORWARD:

We make plans for tomorrow, next year, five years from now, and even 10, but we are not always able to stick to those plans or bring them to fulfillment. Sometimes, they remain nothing more than an unachievable dream. Jesus very clearly promised in John 14 that he was going ahead to PREPARE a place for us. The passage in Revelation was provided to give us a glimpse of what Heaven is like. The only thing that can keep anyone from participating in this promise is if their name is not written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Has your name been written in that book? Have the names of your loved ones, friends, and acquaintances been written there? What steps do you need to take to secure your place in Heaven with Him?

As you close, have your group members pray silently for a set period of time. Ask them to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal if their eternity is secure or if now is the time for them to take the step of faith to make sure they will be spending eternity with Jesus. Also, if He will show them someone they may need to share that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.