

HEAVEN

Message Title: *Will Heaven Be Boring?*

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CONNECT

1. If new people have joined your group, take time to introduce yourselves to each other.
2. When you were growing up, what did you do to avoid boredom?
3. Where have you seen God's grace today?

PRAY TOGETHER

Allow a moment for silence. This is often the most meaningful moment.

Then spend a few minutes asking God to meet each of you personally, right where you are. Pray that He would show you new and beautiful things and lead you further along the path of life. Allow time for everyone to contribute as God leads.

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:5 (ESV)

STUDY AND DISCUSSION

- Resist the urge to get through all the questions. It's OK if you don't. That's not the point. Let the Holy Spirit guide your reflection and discussion. Spend time reading and really thinking about what the Bible is saying.
- If your group has eight or more people, it might be helpful to break into circles of four or five for greater participation and deeper discussion. When you come back together, invite each group to share a few takeaways from their conversation.

Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

1. What's described as *new* in this passage?
2. How is the *holy city, new Jerusalem*, described as coming down? What imagery is used? Why?
3. List all the things God says He will remove or eliminate.
4. How does the image of God dwelling with His people connect to earlier parts of Scripture?
5. How do you personally respond to the idea of God dwelling fully with His people?
6. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omega is the last. What's significant about Jesus being the first and the last?
7. Which part of this passage stretches or challenges your current perspective about heaven?

Revelation 22:1-5 (ESV)

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the

nations.³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

8. What might the *river of the water of life* symbolize?
9. What's said about the tree of life—its fruit and its leaves?
10. What will it be like when you, the people around you and the nations experience healing?
11. What does it mean that *No longer will there be anything accursed*? What's cursed now that makes this promise so compelling?
12. What does it mean that we will reign?

Continue Exploring

13. What do these passages say about what heaven will be like?
 - a. Isaiah 65:21-23
 - b. Matthew 8:11
 - c. Romans 8:18-21
 - d. Philippians 3:20-21
14. 2–3 Minute Reflection:
Invite each person to quietly reflect on their responses to all of the previous questions. What surprises or delights you? What stands out? What questions come to mind?

Follow with this Gentle Sharing Prompt:
What surfaced for you?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

After this week's lesson, what's one thought, question or takeaway you're sitting with right now? Pause and ask God what He wants to say to you. Allow time for Him to speak, being sensitive to thoughts that come to mind. Growing often comes by simply making yourself available to God.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Memorizing Scripture enables us to carry within us the life-giving, life-shaping words of God at all times in all places. Here's a verse to memorize based on this week's teaching:

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Revelation 21:1 (NIV)

PRAY

- Ask God to help you remember what's most important from this week's study.
- Thank God for His promise to make all things new.
- Add to this your own praises and prayers.