

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS  
"Heaven Is Our Home"  
Week of July 2, 2017

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Heaven is our home.

**GETTING STARTED**

Whether heaven has recently been at the forefront of our minds or not, we have experienced circumstances that guide us toward the topic. We have experienced sickness and wondered whether there will be a time when all diseases will be healed. We have experienced pain and wondered whether there will be a time when all hurts will be removed. We have seen death and wondered whether there will be a time when decay will no longer plague us. These experiences all lead us to ask the important question: what does heaven mean to us?

1. When was the last time you thought about heaven?

**GOING DEEPER**

2. **Our Hope Is In Heaven** – The Bible describes our earthly life as a tent and our eternal life as a house. Given this analogy, how does God want us to prioritize this life and the next? Where should our focus be?
3. **Our Longing Is For Heaven** – Read through 2 Corinthians 5:2-5. Notice the words used to describe our current anticipation of heaven. How have you experienced "groans" and "burdens?" In other words, what experiences have led you to long for an eternity without pain, suffering, death, and brokenness?

**TAKING IT HOME**

4. **Our Focus Is On Heaven** – In 2 Corinthians 5:7, Paul writes, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." This means that the ultimate goal of our lives is set in the context of eternity rather than our lives on earth. What would your life goals be if they were all directed heavenward? What priorities would be shifted around so that ones with eternal significance are placed higher and ones with little eternal significance are placed lower?
5. **Our Home Is In Heaven** – Read 2 Corinthians 5:8-9. Paul writes that for the believer, our desire is to be "at home with the Lord" in heaven. For those who are checking out church for the first time, do you want to begin a relationship with God so that you can spend an eternity with Him? For the Christians, how do you plan on living a life pleasing to God until you go home to Him?