

I. Synopsis

One of the appointed days to baptize people is All Saints Day. It is a day when we celebrate all the believers who are part of God's Church past, present, and future. It is our prayer that those being baptized will be part of God's family.

II. Ice Breaker Question

As a child what were your thoughts regarding Heaven?

III. Scripture:

Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

IV. Discussion Questions

1. We know from Paul's letter to the Philippians that all the believers are considered saints (Philippians 1:1,2). Who are among the saints based on John's book of Revelation (Revelation 7:4, 9)? What does this tell you about God's character? What does this tell you about Heaven?
2. Revelation 7 is considered an interlude. John pauses to give the readers a glimpse of Heaven, encouraging believers to persevere through the difficulties in life on earth, as there is a glorious life in Heaven. As you read this passage, how does John describe Heaven? How does John's description of Heaven compare with your view of Heaven as a child? How does this change your current view of Heaven?
3. John states that the "Lamb will be their shepherd" (vs. 17). What does this mean? Where else in Scripture do you read about the Lord being a shepherd? What insights can you glean from these passages as to what John meant that the "Lamb will be their shepherd," (vs. 17)?
4. How might John's glimpse of Heaven minister to a friend who has lost a loved one? When is it appropriate to share this description of Heaven? Discuss your approach of caring for a friend in the midst of grief.