



## Three Truths About Heaven: Truth #1

### MAIN THING

Heaven is a Place Where Things Are As God Intends Them To Be

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:9-13, Revelation 5:13, Philippians 2:9-11

### ICEBREAKER

The thing I look forward to most about heaven is . . . . .

### OPENING THOUGHT

Heaven- everyone wants to go there, but no one knows much about it. Many people will be shocked when they find out that heaven isn't a giant ongoing party, or a place where you play a harp sitting on a cloud, or where you continue to live pretty much the way you lived here on earth without the aches and pains.

Heaven is the place where things are as God wills them to be. Full stop. Heaven isn't a place for you and me to do whatever we want. It is the place where God reigns, where His will is supreme, where He is exalted as the God of the Universe and all things fall under His will and His domain. With that as our goal- with that defined as the ultimate GOOD- we live our lives in such a way that not much will have to change when we get there.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. Have you ever thought about heaven being repulsive to people who don't love God and who hate His ways?
3. You heard the quote, "Sexuality is to our culture what wealth was to the rich young ruler." The rich young ruler went away sorrowful, because he couldn't give up his wealth to follow Jesus. What are other things that are keeping you from following Jesus in full?

### LIFE APPLICATION

We were never meant to make our home here in this life. The Bible refers to us as "strangers" and "sojourners"- people who don't belong in this world. Our home is actually heaven. That's where we are supposed to make our home, not here. This world and its values and its pain and its sorrows are going to pass away. It is temporary.

However, many of us forget that and we make our home here. We look for the applause of the world around us instead of the applause of heaven. We forget that our home is heaven and that our true yearning is for things to be as God intends them to be. It may be time for you to come back home- to yearn for the place where things are as God intends them to be, and make some life adjustments to show it.

### CHALLENGE

What's your part in the big story of God? Where He is the main character, not you? Are you in that role now? If you aren't, make the changes to remove yourself from the spotlight and live your life now where you can enjoy God being God.