



SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember the C's of Small group health:

CONTENT - *biblical, intentional, and conversational*

CONSISTENCY - *regular meetings and interactions with one another*

CARE - *sharing life's ups and downs with grace, love and encouragement*

CELEBRATION - *celebrating God's grace to us and having fun together*

COMMISSION - *participating in what God is doing now during our lifetime on earth*

CHARACTER - *as a leader - growing in my example for my group*

Ice Breaker: (Choose One)

- What is the best vacation you have ever had?
- Share the first thing that pops into your head when you hear the word "heaven?"

Into the Word:

1) What about this week's message surprised, challenged, or comforted you?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

2) What does Paul most anticipate about eternal life?

3) What does the deposit of the Holy Spirit (v. 5) now teach us about what eternal life in heaven will be like?

Teaching Tip: The Holy Spirit's indwelling is God's presence NOW with us. Heaven/New Kingdom will be much more of God. In other words, heaven is all about the presence of God.

4) Why must Christ-followers live more by faith (in what God reveals in His Word) than in what we see here on earth (v. 7)?

5) How can you increase your anticipation of heaven to more closely match Paul's?

Apply the Word:

6) What about heaven challenges you the most? Why?

7) Knowing what you now know about heaven, what excites you most?

8) List a few ways that being excited about heaven helps you live better today on earth?

9) For parents: what you can do to help your kids hope more in heaven?

Prayer time:

Options:

a) Pray for people who you want to be in heaven.

b) Sentence prayer: *God, I am excited about the future because of _____.*