



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:

- What's the most memorable movie depiction of heaven you have ever seen? Why was it so memorable?

Into the Word:

1) If you were to share one insight or point from this message, what would it be and why?

2) Special Scripture Activity:

Break up into smaller groups of 2-4 people (or just break up individually) and each group look up one of the passages below. After 5-10 minutes, everyone come back together and take a few moments to share what they learned about heaven/eternal life. Specifically try to focus on what seems exciting about it.

Psalm 16:11

Philippians 1:20-23

Luke 23:39-43

Isaiah 65:17-25

Apply the Word:

3) Using one of the words used to describe heaven from the message, pick the one that most resonates with you and share why you long for that.

From the Sermon:

- Renewal: God will remake creation; re-centering everything on Himself; will include a reunion (and if necessary reconciliation) with others Christ-followers.
- Release: from pain and hurts and wounds; we will see these from a new perspective, releasing us from the hurt
- Responsibility: we will reign with God over His creation; we will exercise our calling without hindrance or distraction

4) Of the 4 application points, which one will you focus on for the next several days/weeks? Why? How can our group support you?

From the Sermon:

- Reconsider a short-sighted decision (to quit something; short-cut God's plan; to practice delayed gratification)
- Move past the appetizers ... pursue joy in Christ; don't settle for less
- Remember the default destination is hell, not heaven
- Repent: re-center; re-align

Prayer time: (Choose one)

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

b) Sentence prayer:

God, because of the hope of heaven I need to _____ on earth today.