



Heaven - Reverse the Curse

Genesis 2 / Revelation 21 & 22

What is one thing you really enjoy in this life that you hope will be in heaven? What part of this life are you most excited to be rid of in heaven?

Do you tend to think of heaven as a place designed and created for you or as a place that exists for God that you get to be part of? How would both perspectives shape our expectations of heaven?

Pastor Mark said that we are living in the “now” period (a place of brokenness and chaos) that exists between the Garden of Eden and the City (places of perfection) that will exist in eternity. Describe the contrast in these areas:

If “now” has...	Heaven will have...
Ugliness (pollution, decay, etc.)	Unblemished beauty
Scarcity (poverty, starvation, etc.)	Abundance
Suffering & Pain (abuse, tragedy, etc.)	Blessing & Peace

The topic of heaven naturally leads to thoughts of death. How would you rate your level of confidence in these matters (1 is low, 10 is high)? How do these verses speak into the matter to give us confidence? Which is most meaningful to you?

- John 11:25-26
- John 10:27-28
- Romans 6:23
- 1 John 5:11 & 13
- Romans 10:9-10

Pastor Mark told us that our understanding of heaven not only matters for eternity, but it also impacts how we live our lives in the “now.”

- For you, how does heaven most impact the way you live your life?
- What can we do to keep heaven (eternity) at the forefront on our minds?
- Do you have the confidence that the Bible says we can have about going to heaven? If not, share your doubts with the group and let them pray for you. Also consider talking with someone from the group at another time for spiritual guidance on the matter.