



What Happens After You Die

Week 3: HEAVEN

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

- Dave said, “*There are some Christians who are living as if there’s no heaven, and there are non-believers who are living like there’s no hell.*” Do you believe that to be true, and if so, why?

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READ IT AGAIN:

- [Revelation 21:1-5](#)

DISCUSS:

- What are you looking forward to most about heaven?
- Have someone be a scribe for the group. As we read the following descriptions, create a list of everything we know about heaven: Revelation 21:1–5, 21–25; 22:1–5, 22–27.
- How do these observations compare with Matthew 6:19–20; Luke 23:43; John 14:2; Philippians 3:20–21; 2 Peter 3:13?
- What question do you have about heaven that you would like for Ashley and Mark to answer next week? Send them to Ask@ccv.church.

PRAYER:

Ask for prayer requests around the room. Before praying for each other, ask the group, which of these will no longer be a concern in heaven?

SCRIPTURES:

- **John 14:2**, “In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”
- **Revelation 21:1–5**, “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold,

the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

- **Revelation 21:21–25**, “And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.”
- **Revelation 22:1–5**, “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”
- **Revelation 21:22–27**, “And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ...”
- **Luke 23:43**, And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
- **Matthew 6:19–21**, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- **2 Peter 3:13**, “But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”
- **Philippians 3:20–21**, “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”

