

## Small Group News

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### **Small Group Ministry Challenge!**

See Below for the Details of this month's challenge

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**Prayer:** Wisdom for Leaders; Food Pantry Ministry Donations

## Small Group Questions

*For week of May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

### **Heaven** (Part 4)

*Various Texts*

## INTRODUCTION

When it comes to Heaven, most people in America DO believe it exists (72%). However, WHAT they believe about Heaven varies dramatically. Culture, world religions, family, and even how we feel shapes our view of Heaven. According to Jesus, Heaven is not just an idea, it's an actual place; but why does that matter today? Over the next several weeks we will explore six realities of Heaven that can change the way you view life now.

The focus of the week: **Relationships in Heaven**

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## MY STORY

1. Share a favorite memory you have of your mom.
2. What's the worst gift you have ever given or received?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. You heard this weekend about relationships in Heaven, but we don't have to wait until heaven to have great relationships. They are possible on earth too. Let's look at what the bible says about our relationships with one another:

### **Read: Genesis 2:15-22**

- Why do you think it was not good for Adam to be alone even when Adam had a relationship with God that was perfect and free from sin?
- What does that teach you about the importance of relationships?

### **Read: John 13:34-35 & 17:20-23**

- How do you define unity? How do Jesus and the Father model unity for us?
- How does our love for, and unity with, other believers help people know that we are Jesus' disciples? Give examples.

### **Read: Acts 2:42-47**

- What "relational" activities are described as occurring in the early church?
- What were the results of the relationships you listed?
- Have you ever experienced something similar to what you discussed? Explain

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**Read: Revelation 7:9-10; Matthew 28:16-20**

- Describe the kind of people who will be in Heaven?
- How does it make you feel to know how diverse it will be in Heaven?
- How do you define “disciple”? How is a disciple made?
- What motivates you to personally “Go” and “make disciples?”

**Read: Romans 12:10; 15:7; Galatians 5:13; 6:2; Ephesians 4:32; 5:19  
Hebrews 10:24; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 John 4:7-8; James 5:16;**

- According to these verses how should we treat “one another?”
- Share a time when you were the recipient of one of these “one another’s.”

## DIGGING DEEPER

This month we are challenging our small groups to help stock the food pantries of Sunrise. Each week, since the Pandemic began, our Outreach team has helped to supply food and basic supplies to those in our church and communities who are in need. Sunrise Outreach has formed many strategic partnerships in this season to help stock the pantries but, as you can imagine, the shelves still need supplies.

So we are proposing a small group challenge to see how many shelves our small groups can fill at our pantries. To begin, discuss in your group which items you will get and then bring them down to any campus between 12-3pm M-F throughout the month of May.

For every item donated, we will put a ticket with the name for the group host into a bucket (don't forget to tell the pantry volunteers which group you are in). On Sunday June 31<sup>st</sup> we will draw out one ticket and that small group will win a dinner to share together when we are able to gather again face to face.

The more items you donate, the more tickets you get in the bucket, and the more tickets you have, the greater chance your group has to win some grub on us (Small Group Team).

So talk it up with your group and let's see who will win this dinner (hint: it's not pizza).

Here is a list of items to donate: Canned goods, boxed meals, toilet paper, water, beans, rice, mac & cheese, top ramen style meals, Costco, Sam's, & Grocery Store gift cards (1 ticket for every \$1 on the card)

## GROUP PRAYER



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