

Small Group News

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NEW SMALL GROUP MINISTRY CHALLENGE FOR JUNE!

See Below for the Details of this month's challenge

Email need@sunrisechurch.org for anyone who needs assistance.

Prayer: Wisdom for Leaders

Small Group Questions

For week of May 31st, 2020

Heaven (Part 6)

Various Verses

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: **Eden Restored**

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. Have you ever restored something (relationship, furniture, car, etc.)? Share what that was like.
2. If you could redo one year of your life which one would it be and why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend we heard that in Heaven God will restore Eden. Let's explore what happened in Eden:

Read: Genesis 2-3; 1 John 2:15-17; James 1:12-15

- Why was Eden lost? What specifically was lost when Eden was closed?
- Where do you see God's love and care in spite of Adam & Eve's sin? Do you see the same love and care in your own life?
- What do you learn about God from the Creation story?
- What is the process for temptation and sin according to John and James? Do you see that in the story of Eden? Have you seen that process take place in your life?
- Where does hope show up after Adam & Eve sin? Where does it show up today?
- Since Eden will be restored by God, what do you look forward to experiencing the most?

Read: Ephesians 1:3-14

- List the blessings that you read Paul list that pertain to our future in Heaven with God
- How do you respond to Paul's claim that God "chose us in [Jesus] before the foundation of the world?"
- What do you learn about God from these verses?

2. What else does the Bible say about restoration?

Read: John 18:15-18 & 25-27; John 21:1-19; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Matthew 5:9

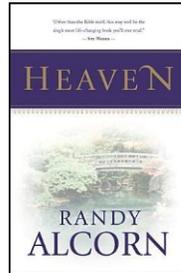
- What does Peter's experience with failure teach us about Jesus?
- In what ways was Peter restored by Jesus?

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- What was your experience with failure growing up? What happened when you failed?
- Have you ever experienced a restoration in your life? Explain
- Does hearing Peter's story make you more or less likely to bring failure to God? Why?
- How would you define restoration for someone who isn't aware of what that is?
- List some examples of things God restores besides people?
- How can restoration become a ministry?

TAKE IT HOME

As a follow up to the study, consider reading the book, "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn →



Also, spend time in prayer for people in your life who don't yet know Jesus.

Pray for opportunities to reach out to them and share your story so they too can experience Heaven.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY CHALLENGE

This **Father's Day (June 21)** all our campuses will be celebrating dads with, **"Nacho Your Average Dad!"** - A drive through experience from 1-3pm. **We need volunteers** who are willing to help greet, cheer on, and serve dads (while practicing safe social distancing guidelines as families remain in their cars).

Would you consider making this a serving experience for your group?

We need at least the following amount of people at each campus site (but can always use more):

- Ontario Campus = 20 people (2-3 groups)
- Victorville Campuses = 20 people (2-3 groups)
- Banning Campus = 30 people (3-5 groups)
- Rialto Campus = 50 people (5-7 groups)

If your group would like to serve please email jhill@sunrisechurch.org with the following:

- Name, email, & phone for team leader (could be group host or anyone from the group)
- Number of people who want to serve
- The time you can serve (which hours between 12:30-3:30pm)
- The campus location where you want to serve

****All participating groups will be entered into a drawing for another catered BBQ!****

GROUP PRAYER

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