



HEAVEN MATTERS NOW

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KEY SCRIPTURE | 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Heaven has been featured everywhere over the past few years—in books, in movies, on talk shows . . . It seems everyone has a story about someone who died, went to heaven, and came back to tell about it. Heaven sells because everyone wants to know—where is heaven? What's it like? How do I get there?

Most of us have a picture of heaven in our minds, and it's probably some version of puffy clouds, calming harp music, pearly gates, and white robes. It seems kinda boring, doesn't it? Like a place you'd want to go for just a bit when you're stressed and need some peace and quiet. But forever?

If eternity in a place like that doesn't sound so great, you're not the only one. But that's because we have some misconceptions about what heaven is like. When we don't have a biblical view of heaven, we spend our time on earth focusing on things that don't matter.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. If someone asked you for directions to your house, you would tell them how to get there and warn them about detours, traffic, etc. Would you do the same for someone asking about heaven? What would you tell them?
3. Read Psalm 33:13–15; John 14:1–3; Philippians 3:20–21; and Hebrews 11:10, 16. What is heaven? What's it like?
4. Read Luke 23:43; Acts 1:11; and Philippians 1:21–23. What does it mean to have a biblical view of heaven?
5. How does knowing your destination sweeten the journey?
6. Do you tend to make your decisions based on eternity, or how you're feeling in the moment?

CHALLENGE

In the next seven days, make at least one intentional decision with a biblical view of heaven in mind.

