

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

Because heaven will contain richly meaningful work, what occupation do you think you will have?

GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

Since you are made in God's image, how are you reflecting him in your daily life? Beyond that, who are you influencing (or could you be helping) to reflect God's image in them?

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Heaven
by Randy Alcorn

MEMORY VERSE:

*Then God said,
"Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness. And let them have
dominion over the fish of the sea and
over the birds of the heavens and
over the livestock and over all the
earth and over every creeping thing
that creeps on the earth."*

Genesis 1:26, ESV

DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Each time you enter your work space this week, ask God to make you faithful & aware of his presence in your working.

Ask him to enable you to live here reflecting his image in you.



To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.

Leader Resource Guide

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Our Final Home



SERMON NOTES

What will we be like?

1. One thing different: New Natures:
Fully and finally free from the presence and power and pull of sin.
2. One thing the same and different. Our bodies:
 - Different: 1Corinthians 15: 42-49, Philippians 3:20-21 Acts 1:11
 - Same: Still Physical: Look at Christ's body:
3. Three things the same
 1. Not God: Omni Nothing
 2. Our identity:
 3. Made in the image of God: Genesis 1:26-27

What will life be like? (What will we do in our final home?)

1. **WORSHIP**
2. **LEARNING**
3. **REST, & PLEASURE**
4. **WORK**

Evidence:

1. **IMAGE OF GOD.** (Genesis 1:26-28)
2. **HEAVEN STATEMENTS.**
(Revelation 5:9-10; 6:9-11; 20:4; 24-26; Revelation 7:15; 22:3)
3. **PARABLES OF JESUS** (Matt 25:19-23; Luke 19:16-19; Luke 16: 9-12)
4. **REWARDS TEACHING.** (Luke 6:23, 35; Matt 5:11-12; 6:1, 4, 6, 18, 19-20; 1 Corinthians 3:6-8, 12-15; 2 John 8-9; Col. 3:23-24; Revelation 11:15-18; 22:12-14)

Roles?

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- What's something you are grateful for this week so far?
- Describe your perfect job. What tasks and environment suit you best?
- Talk about what's been unexpected or surprising about this series. Is there an aspect of a believer's final home that you haven't considered before?

CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

1. Review 3 things which will be the same about us, and 1 thing which will be both the same and different. Pick one and investigate it further. Which of these is most thought provoking to you?
The 3 things that will be the same are our identities (same person, same gender), that we are made in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27) and that we will be limited (not God or omni-anything) The one thing that will be the same and different is our bodies. See 1 Corinthians 15:42-49; Philippians 3:20-21 and Acts 1:11 for how they will be different. Pastor Brian said that Jesus's physical resurrection body shows us that our new bodies will also be physical.
2. What does it mean to be created in God's image? How does knowing that make you feel about yourself? How should this affect your relationship with God? How does it affect relationships with other people? How does it affect your view of what God's people will be doing in heaven?
This is a good time to review the major attributes of God's character and how you see those characteristics reflected in each other in your interactions.
3. In Genesis 1:28, what was God's charge to the man and the woman? How does this connect with the new heavens and the new earth?

4. Review the evidence that Pastor Brian brought forth that there will be richly meaningful and fulfilling work in heaven. How will it be different than your perspective or experience of work here on earth?
Pastor Brian cited Revelation 5:9-10; 6:9-11; 7:15; 20:4 & 24-26; 22:3 to support the idea that believers will reign and serve with Christ in the new heavens. He also used Matthew 25:19-23 and Luke 19:16-19's parable of Jesus about the talents to illustrate that there will be great responsibility for those who have been faithful here on earth. The idea of working in heaven might be depressing for some, especially if their experience or view of work is negative here. Spend time talking about how work will be meaningfully rich in our final home.
5. Pastor Brian said that our creative capacity will be a prominent part of how we reflect God's image in the new heaven and new earth. How do you respond to that? Is this a new idea for you? Are there ways you can think of that sin and evil have affected humanity's creativity that will not be present in eternity? How will our creativity be redeemed/restored?
6. What do you think your job/contribution will be in heaven? How does the reality that our creative capacity will continue to define us in eternity impact how you are living now?