

Heaven, Now & Forever (2 Cor. 5:1-10; Rv. 21:1-27)

2-11-18 - Small Group Questions

Getting Going (15 mins)

1. Settling in & Opening Prayer
2. Have you ever broken a law? Do share!

Digging Deeper (40 mins)

1. Review: Did you "warn" anyone this past week? Tell us about it.
2. What about heaven are you most looking forward to?
3. What can we learn about heaven from the following verses?
 - a. Isa. 65:17
 - b. Jn. 14:2-4
 - c. Rv. 22:1-5
4. According to Noel, what are the ABC's of heaven?
5. How does knowledge about your heavenly future shape your earthly present?

Practical Preparation (10 mins)

1. Do the people in your life who needed to be warned (remember last weeks application) also need to be told about the glories of heaven? Have you done this? Will you? How will you?

Parting Prayer (15 mins)

Snack Time - What is the funniest joke you've ever heard?

I love the old story of the rich man who, on his death bed, negotiated with God to allow him to bring his earthly treasures with him when he came to heaven. God's reaction was that this was a most unusual request, but since this man had been exceptionally faithful, permission was granted to bring along just one suitcase. The time arrived, the man presented himself at the pearly gates, suitcase in hand- BOTH hands, actually, since he had stuffed it with as many bars of gold bullion as would fit. St. Peter said, "Sorry, you know the rules-you can't take it with you." But the man protested, "God said I could ... one suitcase." St. Peter checked, found out that this one would be an exception, prepared to let the man enter, then said, "OK, but I will have to examine the contents before you pass." He took the suitcase, opened it, saw the gold bars and asked quizzically, "You brought PAVEMENT?"