Heaven - Why Bother?

Sermon Series: Heaven is for Real

Colossians 3:1-2

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL, NOW WHAT?

BIG TIME BASICS

2 Foundational Truths

- Heaven is a place to <u>LOOK FORWARD TO</u>. (Colossians 3:1-2 NLT, Philippians 3:14)
- **Q** Heaven is an <u>ETERNAL HOME</u>. (John 14:1-6, Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 11:16)

HOW CAN HEAVEN IMPACT MY LIFE?

3 ways to make the most out of heaven today...

- Focus on heaven and the <u>SIZE</u> of your <u>PROBLEMS</u> will change. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT)
- **2** Live for heaven and <u>REWARDS</u> will be <u>WAITING</u>. (Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 16:1-9)
- **3** Remove any <u>DOUBT</u> about going to <u>HEAVEN</u>. (John 3:36,14:5-6, Ephesians 2:8-9)

HEAVEN IS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION.

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REALife Application

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching on, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

- 1. What do you remember learning about Heaven as you were growing up? Who or what were your sources of information?
- 2. Discuss how Heaven has "fallen off our radar screens" as a culture. Why don't we think more about this? Read John 8:44 and Revelation 13:6 in the NIV. What role does Satan play in keeping us from anticipating Heaven?
- 3. What are some of the reason you have heard for why people deserve to go to Heaven? Will any of these things get them into Heaven? What did you learn from the story of the wedding singer whose name wasn't written in the guest book and who therefore couldn't enter the wedding reception?
- 4. Various passages of Scripture show that there is only one way to enter Heaven. List a few of those passages (including John 14:6 & Acts 4:12) and discuss what they say. Do you know for sure you are going to Heaven? Why or why not?

Memory Verse

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