



Nowhere does the Bible speak of going to heaven, but from start to finish the Bible tells the story of heaven coming. It is God’s grand redemption plan from ages past, and it changes how we deal with the present when we know that Home is Coming!

**These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.**

**1** Rick began by reminding us that only three questions ultimately matter: “*Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going?*” Why are these questions so crucial and how would you answer them? Follow up: How do your answers differ from the secularist viewpoint (see **Ecclesiastes 3:11**)?

**2 ETERNITY is sure!** *Jesus consistently urged all to live this life in view of the next.* **Read Matthew 5:11-12, Mark 12:24-27, Luke 10:20, and John 5:24.** What stands out to you from these verses? How do they encourage you to live here and for the hereafter?

**3 ACCORDING TO JESUS... Everybody goes somewhere after here.** Rick reminded us that “*The next life will not be the same for everybody, but everybody will have a next life.*” **Read John 5:28-29.** What are the implications for us since everybody has an appointment with God in the hereafter (how will people’s experiences be different)? Follow up: How does being reminded of this encourage you to live today?

**4 ACCORDING TO JESUS... Anybody can go to hereafter to be with God.** *Jesus came to us to reveal that God was for us—each one of us.* **Read John 3:16.** In what ways does this verse challenge the view that Christianity is “too exclusive”? Follow up: Share some examples of how Jesus welcomed people to his table (and how he still does).

**5 Read Romans 3:22-25.** Rick pointed out that the great question for your future will not be “*How much did you sin?*” but the great question will be “*How much did you trust God’s answer for your sin?*” Why is this distinction so crucial? Follow up: How are people “made right with God”?

**6 ACCORDING TO JESUS... Nobody goes to God without Jesus.** *Jesus didn’t claim to show the way; he claimed to be the way.* **Read John 14:6.** What does a person’s eternal destiny depend on? Explain how/why Jesus is the only “bridge” that can reach God (see **John 1:29**). Follow up: Rick went on to say, “*You can get to hell on your own, but you can’t get to heaven without Jesus.*” Why is that true (see **1 John 5:11-12**, and **John 6:40**)? How do those verses provide you hope and encouragement?

**7 Eternity is sure, and because of Jesus, you can be sure of your eternity.** Rick closed by reminding us that “*The most important thing to know about heaven is not what; it’s who.*” With that in mind, have you surrendered your life to Jesus? If so, share what led to you believing Jesus. If not, what questions do you still have about Jesus? As you close, spend some time praying for each other and for those in your life who haven’t decided to **put their trust in Jesus.**

