



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 *"When the new earth comes, one of the best things about it will be the things that won't be coming with it."* With that in mind, what are some things you face now that you will not miss then?

2 *Absence makes the hope grow stronger.* *The new earth will not be contaminated by the fallout from the fall.* **Read Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27; 22:3-5.** What stands out to you the most regarding the observations John makes? Follow up: How does knowing this provide encouragement for you to stay faithful in the meantime?

WON'T BE HEARD... the rest of this message focuses on some phrases we use now that will be missing then.

3 *"I fear the worst."* *Fear has been the companion of sin since the fall.* In what ways has fear been prevalent in your life? How has that impacted your daily outlook on life? Follow up: how does it make you feel knowing that **Revelation 21:27** says *"Nothing evil will be allowed to enter..."*?

4 *"Nothing lasts forever."* *Life has a way of constantly reminding us of our mortality.* Where have you seen or experienced the "evidence of death" in your own life recently? Follow up: **Read Revelation 20:13-14.** How does knowing that *"God is going to put death to death"* help you face the challenges of today?

5 *"There's never enough time."* *It's not true that in heaven "time shall be no more."...but it is true that we will not live under its pressure.* What does living under the pressure of time look like today? How can this type of pressure impact the condition of your soul and your relationship with others? Follow up: **Read Revelation 22:5.** How can knowing you'll never have to be in a rush then help you to begin living an unhurried life now?

6 *"My bad."* *One of the most frustrating things about fallenness is the awareness that I rarely give God or others all that I should.* Rick noted that there are several reasons for this, *"my sin nature, my sense of inadequacy, my mortal weakness."* How have each of these impacted the way you relate to God and others? Follow up: **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.** How do these words from Paul encourage you today and give you hope for the future?

7 *"Where's God?"* *The greatest fallout of the fall is the level of proximity we can currently have with God.* Talk about a time when God felt distant from you and what that experience was like for you. In contrast, what truth do John's words in **Revelation 21:3-4, 22** reveal about God's ultimate desire for His relationship with us? Follow up: Revelation closes with these words, *"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen."* (**22:21**) How do these words bring you hope and comfort?

