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HEAVEN

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INTRODUCTION

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- Beliefs & practices regarding the afterlife from civilizations of the past

THE GOD OF ETERNITY

- ▶ Fact #1: God is the only truly eternal being. (Psalm 93:2; Exodus 3:14)
- ▶ Fact #2: Any hope we have of eternal well-being is based on the life & character of God. (Job 19:22-25; Psalm 73:23-26; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 22:23-32)
- ▶ Fact #3: Everyone will live forever.
- ▶ Fact #4: Endless life with God is not automatic. (Hebrews 9:27; John 5:28-29)
- ▶ Fact #5: We must aggressively seek to enter into eternal life with God. (Matthew 7:13-14)

WHO GIVES ETERNAL LIFE? (John 1:4; 5:21; 1 John 5:11-12)

ETERNITY PROMISES (SNEAK PREVIEW)

- 1 Corinthians 2:9 • John 3:36 • John 5:24 • John 6:40 • John 6:47
- Revelation 22:12 • Hebrews 13:5 • 1 John 2:25 • Revelation 2:7 (Revelation 2 & 3) • Revelation 3:12 • Revelation 21:7 • 2 Corinthians 4:16-17 • 2 Corinthians 5:1 • John 5:25 • John 14:2-3 • 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 • Revelation 22:1-5 • Revelation 21:2-5 • 2 Corinthians 4:18
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- I will participate in Join the Mission on Sunday, January 12th.
- I will get baptized in 2014.
- I'm becoming a follower of Jesus today.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on winter break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the break.

Lesson Aim: *To grow in our understanding of what Heaven is like and living today with an eternal perspective.*

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

1. What do you think Heaven will be like?
2. How do you think Heaven compares to our lives here on earth?
3. What do we learn about heaven and eternal life in:
 - **Job 19:25-26:**
 - **1 Corinthians 15:51-59:**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:1-10:**
 - **Revelation 21:1-8:**

4. **READ Colossians 3:1-3.** What stands out to you in these verses?
5. What specifically do these verses teach us about the type of mindset or perspective we should live with?
6. How do you think living your life with an eternal perspective would affect the way you live each day?
7. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sin and so that we could spend all eternity with Him. Since people will not go to heaven without Christ, a key part of our life mission is to reach others for Him.

Write down the names of 2 or 3 people who are in your “circles of life” (family; friends; co-workers/classmates; acquaintances) who are not connected to Christian community. Begin to pray for them and actively look for opportunities to invite them to church.

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our friendly, message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.