

GROUPS

Week of 3-28-21

The following group discussion topics are from the fourth and final message in the series: "The End Times" at Stockbridge Community Church and was presented by Pastor Jeff Daws.

ICEBREAKER (If your group needs it) Not counting meeting Jesus, or seeing your loved ones - who is someone you most hope to meet in Heaven?

#1 There are many things that come to mind when we start talking about Heaven. Maybe you think about naked babies playing harps while sitting on clouds. Some people may even think back to cartoons from their childhood where Bugs Bunny died and grew a pair of angel wings. **What do you feel are some of the more commonly held, incorrect beliefs about Heaven?**

#2 As followers of Jesus, we don't only trust him for our lives here on Earth, but we trust him for our afterlife as well. John chapter 14:1 teaches us that our hearts don't have to be troubled over such things when we put our trust in Jesus. Let's start our conversation today with a little abstract thought. Remember, eternity is a long time, the literal longest time - **Other than what we know will exist in Heaven, what are you hoping it will be like? What are some things you're hoping you'll be able to do, or still do?**

#3 Some of the great things about getting to Heaven will of course be seeing Jesus and reuniting with family and friends who have gone on before us. It is also something we look forward to because a place has been prepared just for us. Jesus said as much in John 14:2-3 let's take a moment and read that....

Follow Up Jesus himself personally went and prepared a place for each one of us. We know from God's Word that Jesus' earthly father was a carpenter and can presume that Jesus would have learned a great deal of that work as well. The master craftsman has created a place for you. **What does that mean for you personally, that Jesus, our very Savior, would humble himself once more to work and prepare a home for you to live in forever?**

#4 Heaven will be the most decorative place we could ever imagine. With gems, jewels, pearls, and even golden streets with no potholes! We will eat from the tree of life and everyone will be in perfect health. There will also be something even more precious than all of these things there: the people who gave their lives to Jesus because you were willing to share your faith with them. As we approach Easter this weekend, let's answer a two part question:

Part A Who would you say shared their faith with you and led you to Christ?

Part B Most of us would say we've shared our faith with someone - even if we did not get to personally lead them to Christ. **Who is someone that you have shared your faith with, that either then - or later - accepted Jesus as savior?**

GROUP CHALLENGE EASTER is a time of life change for many across the world each and every year. There is something special about bringing people to church and getting to watch what God does in their lives moving forward. The challenge is really more of a question this week: **Who are you inviting or bringing to Easter at SCC?**

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I am a Christian that connects with God daily through prayer.

I am a Christian that grows by reading the Bible and connecting with God's people.

I am a Christian that serves in my church and my community.

I am a Christian that shares my faith and resources generously.

I am a Christian that exists to give people an opportunity for a better life through Christ.

Closing Prayer/Requests:

Announcements/Next Steps: Plan for next group semester.