

WILL HEAVEN BE BORING?

Philippians 3.17-21 // Colossians 3.1-4

SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE

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As citizens of heaven, we are to keep our eyes fixed on the future, our heavenly hope. But if we don't know much about what it will be like, we will have nothing to even fix our eyes on! We can't get homesick if we don't know what home is like.

WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

As a general rule of thumb, the best starting place is to ask these questions:

- What does the bible say?
- What does it forbid?
- Will it glorify God?
- Is it inherently sinful or evil?
- Does it coincide with the idea of continuity?
- Was it a part of God's "very good" creation and design?

What Will Our Bodies be Like? Jesus is our example here. He is the "first fruit," which means that if a farmer saw an orange on a tree, he could expect more oranges to follow. Whatever Jesus' resurrected body is like, we should expect similar.

1 Corinthians 15.20-23, 35-44, 49-57 // Luke 24.38-53

**The present body isn't a prison to escape;
what it needs is transformation.**

-N.T. Wright

Where is Heaven? It is commonly believed that the earth will be obliterated and we will live in a heaven that is somewhere in the sky or another dimension. But what does the bible say?

**God's plan was to destroy the curse, not His creation.
Satan's plan is to maintain the curse, and destroy creation.**

Romans 8.18-25 // Genesis 3.17-19 // Psalm 25.13, 37.9, 11 // Isaiah 49.8

What Will it be Like? There will be a tremendous amount of continuity. What God had declared as "very good," will either be restored, renewed, or made even better.

HEAVEN HELPS US KILL SIN

C.S. Lewis rightly noted that the Christians who were most thinking of and obsessed over their eternal future were the ones who did the most earthly good on this planet. Their focus on eternity caused them to turn and run from their selfish motivations and pursue Kingdom advancement. He famously said, "aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'; aim at earth and you will get neither."

Matthew 6.33, 34

**Of this blessed man, let this praise be given:
"Heaven was in him, before he was in heaven."**

NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Next week we will begin an Advent Series as we lead up to Christmas. This year, we'll be looking at the wonder of the Trinity. This will be a great sermon series to invite friends who are skeptical or have questions about who God is.

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

1. Read **Philippians 3:17-21**, **Philippians 4:8-9** and **Colossians 3:1-4**. What stuck out to you from these verses or from the sermon on Sunday? _____

2. We have all thought about Heaven. What has your perspective of Heaven been? What do you think it will look like? What did you think Heaven was going to be like when you were a child? After hearing the sermon has your view on Heaven changed? _____

3. Read **Colossians 3:1-4** again. In this passage, we are told to "Set our minds on things that are above." What does this mean? _____

4. What do you tend to daydream about? Eternal things? Earthly things? _____

5. If we were to truly have our mind on Heaven, how would that change the way we handle situations in our daily life? _____

6. As Pastor Jobey mentioned in his sermon, the bible tells us that we are foreigners and strangers in this land. Do you feel that way? Are you living for the now or the future? _____

7. C.S. Lewis said "Aim at Heaven and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you will get neither." How can having a heavenly aim help you to fulfill God's plan for you in this life? Read **Matthew 6:33-34**. If we seek first his kingdom, what are we promised? Do you believe this? Spend time in your group sharing areas of your life that this proves difficult for you and thanking God for the promise of his faithfulness. _____

Bonus Question: What question do you have about Heaven? As a group, have fun trying to think through a biblical answer. Use the probing questions in the sermon notes as well as Scripture you can think of in order to maybe find a possible answer.



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