

**There's no place like home.**

# HEAVEN

**Workbook**

## **SECTION 1**

### **SCRIPTURE**

“This is how much God loved the world; He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed: by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.”

**JOHN 3:16**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1.** Thomas became aware that heaven was a sure thing. When did you realize that heaven was your home? When did you give your heart to Jesus?
- 2.** What are some things that prevent people from fully surrendering to Jesus?
- 3.** John 10:10 God gave us not only eternal life but abundant life: what does abundant life look like to you?

### **CALL TO ACTION**

Write a note or call someone you know that has lost a loved one recently. Think about what you will tell them. Share w/the group your experience next week.

### **PRAYER TOPIC**

- Pray for someone that needs comfort & that they will see a glimpse of heaven.
- Live my life in light of eternity
- We are all able to share Jesus love w/someone this week
- Invite another person to church this next week

## **SECTION 2**

### **SCRIPTURE**

“Jesus responded by telling still more stories. “God’s Kingdom,” he said, “is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son.”

#### **MATTHEW 22:1-3 (THE MESSAGE)**

“The Angel said to me, “Write this: ‘Blessed are those invited to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.’” He added, “These are the true words of God!”

#### **REVELATION 19:9 (THE MESSAGE)**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1.** The bible compares heaven to a party, a banquet, & a feast. What is the most memorable party you have ever attended and why?
- 2.** In Matthew Jesus uses a wedding banquet as an analogy of Heaven. Describe the feelings and emotions you experience when you attend a celebration.
- 3.** Consider for a moment the celebration that is awaiting you in heaven. How does that make you feel? What do you hope He includes?

### **CALL TO ACTION**

Heaven is an endless stream of things like love, acceptance, community, fun, relationships and joy. This week find a way to bring a glimpse of this stream to someone in your life that you know is in need of it.

### **PRAYER TOPIC**

- Help us fully understand that every day with You is cause to celebrate.
- Let us be aware of those who need cause to celebrate this week and share that joy with them.
- The Bible says that all of Heaven celebrates when one person places their trust in Christ. Pray that we would see an abundance of people saved.

## **SECTION 3**

### **SCRIPTURE**

The Master himself will give the command. Archangel thunder! God's trumpet blast! He'll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise—they'll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master. Oh, we'll be walking on air! And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master. So reassure one another with these words.

#### **1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18 (THE MESSAGE)**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Share a fond memory you have of a family reunion.
2. How has the loss of a loved one effected your perception of heaven?
3. What are your feelings about being reunited with family and friends in heaven? What person do you want to see first upon your arrival?
4. What do you think your relationships with others will be like in heaven, considering heave is the perfect place?

### **CALL TO ACTION**

We are confident that heaven is not the end but the beginning of a family reunion. Presently you may have loved ones you have not connected with in sometime. This week make a effort to reconnect. Make a call, go to coffee, or send a card. Let them know now that you are thinking of them. Please share w/the group your experience next week.

### **PRAYER TOPIC**

- Hope is in God
- Give us courage to reconnect w/others
- Empower us to be examples of your love

## **SECTION 4**

### **SCRIPTURE**

“But there’s far more to life for us. We’re citizens of high heaven! We’re waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ”

#### **PHILIPPIANS 3:20 (THE MESSAGE)**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1.** Chloe’s church experience made her view heaven as a never-ending church service. How do you feel your church experience has affected your ideas about heaven?
- 2.** Chloe lived for adventure and wanted an exciting life. She viewed heaven as boring. Do you view heaven as boring. What words would you use to describe heaven?
- 3.** Chloe’s “close call” is her catalyst to seek out more answers about heaven. Have you ever had a “close call” that resulted in you having more questions about heaven? If so where did you go for answers?
- 4.** The realization that the best things on earth are a preview of heaven changed Chloe’s view of everything. How does this knowledge affect you?

### **CALL TO ACTION**

Knowing that God has placed glimpses of heaven all through out His creation take time this week to observe the things in your life that may be a preview of what is to come in heaven. Write a couple down to share next week.

### **PRAYER TOPIC**

- Thank God for sneak peeks of heaven here on earth.
- Open our eyes to see treasures daily.
- Help us value and enjoy each other.

## SECTION 5

### SCRIPTURE

“Don’t hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

**MATTHEW 6:19-21 (THE MESSAGE)**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. There are moments in life that are defining. These moments make life worth living. What is a one of your a defining life moments?
2. Kody lived life for the now, for “the drop”. Do you find it hard to keep “the drop” from ruling your life? How do you keep perspective that you are part of something eternal (like the river)?
3. What is considered success in this life may not be success in eternity. How do you define your success?
4. Kody broke out of the pattern. He no longer lives for the now but he lives for the everlasting. How has your life changed in light of heaven?

### CALL TO ACTION

Being fully aware that we are citizens of heaven begin to consider if there is a tweak in goals, priorities and ideas that need to take place. Purposefully take steps to prioritize your actions to match what matters in light of heaven, write it down to share w/the group next week. Please be prepared to strategize how we can support each other as we tweak our goals and priorities.

### PRAYER TOPIC

- Help our lives reflect your heart
- Renew our minds to eternal thoughts
- Give us more of a desire to store our treasure in heaven.