



Grief and Hope

1 Thess 4:13-18

When you think about heaven, what comes to mind? What are you looking forward to most when you get to heaven? What questions do you have about our eternity with God?

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- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does it teach us about people?
- What do we learn about eternity from this passage?
- What do we learn about the future?

Read Revelation 21:1-8. What does this passage teach us about God? People? Heaven? The future? Hell?

How does knowing your future with certainty (you will be with Jesus and with His people forever) give perspective to your past, current, and/or future challenges and sufferings? Your past, current, and/or future joys?

Respond: How we view the future determines how we look at and behave in your current circumstances. Our character and conduct are largely influenced by what we believe about our future.

In what intentional ways and in what specific area(s) of life can we be encouraging one another with the certain hope that “we will always be with the Lord”? What do you need to do to encourage yourself in this hope?