



# How Heavenly Is Heaven?

Family Discussion

# Listen for unusual sights John records.

Rev. 22:1-5 (NIV) Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2] down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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[3] No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. [4] They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. [5] There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

# Joyous

- Think of these glimpses of heaven as a peek between the curtains of a stage play before it starts. What unusual things is John able to see?



# Joyous

- Actually we sometimes hesitate about going to heaven ... for the most part we enjoy our kids, grandkids, even (sometimes) our jobs. Consider that it is OK to like certain aspects of our lives here on earth.
  - God blesses us in this life
  - we enjoy God's blessings in a variety of ways
  - God designed us (normally) to preserve the lives He has given us
  - sometimes things that are known we perceive as preferable to the unknown

# Joyous

- What are ways you can honor God whether you are still on earth or when you get to heaven?
- What does this passage say about how we are “connected” with God?
- How do you think knowing this might help you when you sometimes feel far away from God in the here and now?

# Application

- As a devotional exercise, list the joys you are most looking forward to in heaven
  - Who will you be glad to see?
  - What kinds of relief do you anticipate?
  - How do you anticipate being involved in praise?

# Application

- Find the words to the hymn, “When We All Get to Heaven”
  - They are at <https://tinyurl.com/yh5tnwx> or find them in a hymn book you may own (don't “borrow” one from a church pew).
  - Sing them together as a family and discuss what the words mean
  - Meditate on the reality of being with Jesus in Heaven



# Application

- Who do you know who is *not* headed for heaven?
  - Pray for their salvation.
  - Witness to them about the reality of eternity and where they will spend it
  - Pray also for ministries around the world that communicate these wonderful truths.



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