

Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

"Made for Another World" (Revelation 21:4-5)

Points from Sunday's Message

- 1. Desiring heaven isn't wishful thinking, it's homesickness.
- 2. Jesus isn't a symbol of serene, heavenly peace; He is the Savior who shows us the way.
- 3. Death isn't final, suffering isn't forever, trials are but tests revealing God's goodness.
- 4. Death is a doorway to the presence of God.
- 5. Live as if life will not end when this life ends.

Key Verse:

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

- Revelation 21:4

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What do you think about Freud's idea that belief in heaven is just wish fulfillment? How did Sunday's message address that concern?
 - Follow-up: Did Lewis's perspective about desire and fulfillment help you reframe your understanding?
- 2. How does knowing that death is a "doorway to the presence of God" change the way you think about grief, loss, or your own mortality?
 - Consider: How do Scriptures like Philippians 1:21 or 2 Corinthians 5:8 give you hope?
- 3. What are some ways the Christian hope of heaven can help us endure hardship and suffering in this life?

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 and Romans 8:18

- 4. What would it look like for you to live "without fear, in faith, and in purity" this week in light of the hope of heaven?
 - 2 Peter 3:14-18 and Romans 13:11-14
- 5. Who in your life needs encouragement about the hope of heaven? How can you practically share or show that hope this week?

Think: Comfort someone grieving? Talk with a seeker? Serve with joy?

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.