

# HEAVEN IS MORE THAN A WONDERFUL PLACE

## REVELATIONS 21:22-26

Heaven will be a wonderful place, not because of mansions or streets of gold, but because God is there with his people.

### 1. Introduction

Heaven is the natural outcome of the Kingdom of God

### 2. What is missing from Heaven?

Evildoers

The seven “nomores” (results of the fall)

Not evil, but not needed any more

### 3. What is there?

The holy city

The renewed Eden

The overcomers

God himself

#### 4. The Guarantee

Trustworthy & true

Alpha & Omega

Root & offspring of David

Bright morning star (22:16)

#### 5. How Then Should We Live?

Back to the Beatitudes

The poor in spirit

Those who mourn

The pure in heart

## Small Group Application Questions

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### *Getting to Know You*

1. What is your favorite song that speaks of heaven or reminds you of heaven?

### *Into the Bible*

2. Some people have argued that God's promise to wipe away all tears (Revelation 21:7) logically requires that our memories be erased because of the taint of sin and pain that attaches to all of our earthly life. Will we lose our sense of self and our memories of relationships here when we get to heaven? Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and see whether Paul seems to agree with this idea.

3. Read Revelation 21:22-22:5. What are the essential needs of humans in this life that God fulfills in the New Jerusalem merely by His presence there?

### *Application*

4. Revelation 21:7 indicates that heaven is granted to those who “overcome”. How do we accomplish this challenge in this life—becoming “overcomers”? For help with this read I John 5:4-5, Romans 12:21, and Ephesians 6: 10-13.

### *For Families*

5. Talk with *your* children about the promise of heaven for those who are *God's* children.