<u>Discussion Guide</u> Series: What Happens When I Die?, wk2 Heaven April 14, 2024

<u>Big Idea</u>

Heaven is going to be far greater than we can begin to imagine, and God wants all of us to be there together with him, forever.

□ <u>Icebreaker</u>

If your campus had baptisms, or you observed any of the McKinley Campus baptisms online, share the impact witnessing these had on your faith and why? Why are baptisms significant?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What are some images and/or theories out there about Heaven and what it will be like? Where do some of these images and/or theories come from? How is scripture (the Bible) to be utilized as one processes such images and/or theories or Heaven and why is doing so important?
- 2. Read Revelation 21:1-5 (slowly). From these passages, what are some things you observe about Heaven? What are some things you observe regarding how these future things will come about, or take place? How does this all make you feel? Who is preparing this physical place for us? As you consider the word picture used here, with what demeanor does He seem to be preparing it for us?
- 3. Read Revelation 19:6-9. Focusing on...*the wedding supper of the Lamb*, who will be present at this supper? What do you imagine this gathering will be like and why? A main point we see so far is this (fill in the blanks): *Heaven is a ph____al place being pre_____ for us.*
- 4. Re-read Revelation 21:4. What WILL NOT and CANNOT exist in Heaven and why? Why do such things exist today? What is God waiting for to usher Heaven in? Now read 2 Peter 3: 8-14 and once again answer the question: *What is God waiting for to usher in Heaven?* What are you & I to be doing in the meantime?
- 5. Read and reflect upon: Revelation 21:6-8, 27 & Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9, 5:1, and 8:1. Now answer the following: *How does one's name get written in the Lamb's book of life (a.k.a. how one goes to Heaven)?* Fill in the blanks of the following statements which align with how one does :
 - Acknowledge our s____ to God & r_____ of it. (what does the "r" word mean?
 - C_____ that Jesus is Lord.
 - B_____ in your h_____ that Jesus rose from the dead and offers you life eternal with Him.

Concluding Question

Read Revelation 3:20. How does it feel that God wants to be in relationship with you and how do you need to better respond to that this week?

Application

- 1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
- 2. What is something God wants you to do now?
- 3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer

Pray for those who were baptized across our campuses this past Sunday, 4/14/24...that they remain STRONG in their faith and CONTINUE TO GROW in their faith.