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## God's Promise About Heaven

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*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9*

*There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you." -Jesus, John 14:2 (CEV)*

***If I want to understand heaven I have to look at this place.***

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NLT)*

*For the creation was subjected to frustration. Romans 8:20 (NIV)*

*We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. 2 Corinthians 5:2 (NIV)*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.... Revelation 21:1 (NIV)*

## What will it be like? BETTER.

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Revelation 21:1-2 (NIV)*

## What will I be like? THE WAY I'M SUPPOSED TO BE.

*Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried*

*weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (NLT)*

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:3-5 (NIV)*

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

What were your childhood views of Heaven? Did you ever have any fears about it?

Look at the different descriptions of heaven and talk about what each symbolizes: John 14:2-3, Hebrews 12:22-23, Revelation 7:15-17, Revelations 21:9-11, Revelation 22:2-5.

Read John 14:1-7. What is going on here? Why is Jesus saying this and why are the disciples confused?

Talk together about what you are most looking forward to in 'heaven'.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:42-44. God will change not just our bodies but our whole being. What part of your life do you most long for to be changed?

Pray for each other!

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at [len@marinerscc.org](mailto:len@marinerscc.org)