

AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Week 1

General:

- When you think about Heaven, what emotions or images come to mind? Are they shaped more by Scripture or culture?
- How often do you think about Heaven? Why do you think that is?
- In what ways does your view of eternity shape the way you live today?
- How did it feel to see that compilation video of soldiers coming home? How does the idea of being reunited (whether with loved ones, biblical heroes, or Jesus Himself) shape how you imagine about Heaven?
- What do you imagine your response would be when you first see Jesus face-to-face? What does that moment mean to you personally?
- Heb. 11 & 12 contain verses that describe heroes of the faith who long for a heavenly city—a better, eternal homeland. How does the idea of a “better country” or “heavenly city” reshape the way we think about our time on earth?
- In what ways are you preparing for your “infinite future” in Heaven, not just your finite future here on earth?
- What does it mean to “set your mind on things above” (Col. 3:1-4)? What does that look like in daily life?
- What comes to mind when you think of your ultimate future as a believer? What do you think God wants you to know about your eternal future with Him?

- Dr. Gage talked about the ancient understanding of three heavens. What fascinates or intrigues you most when you look at the sky—whether the daytime sky, the stars, or the idea of God’s dwelling place?
- Dr. Gage said that “Heaven is identified with the North in Scripture” (Ps 48:1-2, Is 14:12-15). How do poetic or directional images of heaven deepen your sense of awe or anticipation for what’s to come?
- Immanuel Kant said, “Our minds are not made to comprehend the limits of space and time.” How does that idea make you feel when you think about heaven? (Hopeful? Frustrated? Humbled?)
- Ps. 103 compares God’s love to the height of the heavens and His forgiveness to the distance between east and west. What does that say about the nature of God’s love and mercy?
- What’s one area of your life that would look different if you lived more intentionally in light of eternity?
- If Heaven is the fullness of being with God forever, how are you practicing being with Him now?
- What do you hope to learn or walk away with during this series on Heaven?