



REFLECT:
(20 minutes minimum)

9. How should what we've studied today help us "live this life in view of the next"?

10. One thing we may have misunderstood about heaven is...

11. Should the idea of a final judgment trouble Christians? Why or why not?

12. Can you say with confidence, "*I know for sure, nothing doubting, that if the Lord were to come right now, I'd go to be with him in heaven*"? Does any part of that sentence trouble you? If so, explain.

13. What I most look forward to about heaven is...



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Non-Negotiables #5

**HEAVEN IS THE
PROMISE OF GOD**

Who from your Life Group needs a little encouragement this week? Who may be struggling? Who in your group may have needs you can meet this week? Make an effort to be the hands and feet of Jesus this week.



OPEN:
(2 minutes)

1. When I think about heaven, the first thing that comes to mind is...

2. If your house were on fire, what three objects would you want to save?





Read Mark 12:24-27, Matthew 19:16-27, John 6:40, John 5:27-29 and John 14:1-4

3. **Did the Sadducees *purposely* misrepresent life after death in their questioning of Jesus? Which, if any, of their assumptions were valid?**

4. Like the Sadducees, many today have misconceptions of what comes after death. Share some examples you've encountered.

5. **In Matthew 19:26-27, what kinds of things did the rich young man say he'd done that many in his day would have thought would make an impression on God? What kinds of things might someone today wrongly identify as things that make them right with God?**

6. Why do you think Jesus told the rich young man to sell his possession and give them to the poor? What do you think Jesus might tell you to do if you'd the same conversation with him?

7. We've talked before about the inclusive nature of Christianity. What does John 6:40 teach us about that? Do you see Jesus' words there as inclusive or exclusive?

8. **Using these and any other scriptures you wish, how would you describe life after this life to someone who knows nothing about the Bible?**