

GLIMPSE OF THE AFTERLIFE

WEEK 4: FOREVER IS FOREVER

Welcome

Answer **one** of the following questions: What comes to mind when you hear the word, forever? What is the longest amount of time you've had to wait somewhere (in traffic, at the airport, for a date, at the DMV, in the doctor's office, etc.)?

Worship

As a group, sing one or two worship songs together. This can be done a cappella, having someone in the group play a musical instrument, or singing along with a worship song on YouTube.

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Word

1. Who are you most looking forward to seeing when you arrive in heaven? (These can be people you are reunited with or people you meet for the first time.)

2. What promises does God make in [Revelation 21:1-5](#)? When might these verses be comforting to a believer?

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3. Biblical metaphors/biblical imagery used in verses about the future are often exaggerated to emphasize the author's point. What do the metaphors in **Isaiah 65:20-25** seem to teach us about life in the New Heavens and the New Earth?

4. The Bible promises that Christians will receive new heavenly bodies to live forever in the New Heavens and the New Earth. How does **1 Corinthians 15:40-54** describe our new heavenly bodies and how we are transformed?

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5. What is something that you learned or a belief that was reinforced during this series?



Witness

Referring to heaven, Revelation 21:27 says, “Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” Hopefully, you’ve been carrying these names with you every day since this study began. As you think about the names that will be written in the book of life, give your group an update on the person with whom you are trying to share Jesus and pray for these names as a group.

If you or others in your group haven’t attended Next Steps yet, encourage them to register for one of the upcoming start dates/times and/or consider attending as a group: <https://shepherdchurch.com/nextsteps>

Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for the Week

- Memorize Revelation 21:1-5 (or one verse from this passage)
- Read Isaiah 65:17-25 and Revelation 21:1-5. Then, write a description of what the New Heavens and the New Earth will be like.
- Read John 20:21 and 1 Corinthians 15:40-54. Then, make a list of the ways that Jesus’ resurrected body is similar to our new heavenly bodies.
- Reflect back on the past 4 weeks and write down at least five of your main takeaways from this series. Then, write down how your main takeaways have and will influence your spiritual growth.