

GLIMPSE OF THE AFTERLIFE

WEEK 1: BEYOND HALOS, HARPS, & HYMNS

Welcome

What images come to mind when you hear the word, *heaven*?

Worship

As a group, pray and thank God for those who gave their lives to Jesus during the Easter services. Pray for this series to have a tremendous impact as they begin to follow Jesus.

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Word

1. How would you describe heaven to someone who is not a Christian?

2. Read [Hebrews 9:27](#); [Romans 6:23](#); and [John 14:6](#). What do these verses say about the consequences of sin, what happens immediately after we die, and how we get to heaven? In your opinion, why are so many people confused about heaven and how to get there?

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3. How does the imagery in **John 14:1-3** affect your understanding of heaven? What does John 14:1-3 teach about God's character and His relationship with us?

4. Read **Philippians 3:20-21**. What does it mean that "our citizenship is in heaven"?

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5. In the video lesson, Adrianna said, “You were made for heaven,” and she quoted C.S. Lewis: “If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” How are you (or how are you not) currently living as if you were made for heaven?

Witness

According to some of Jesus’ final words on earth, Christians need to be on mission—sharing Him with an unbelieving world (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8). This is extremely important, because, referring to the New Heavens & New Earth, 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.”

Share the name of someone who needs to hear about Jesus and write down each name on a piece of paper (not on your mobile device). Then, commit to doing two things:

- Praying every day for these names until the series ends
- Carry these names with you wherever you go until the series ends (as a reminder of Revelation 21:27)

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Witness (cont.)

Pray for God to give each person in the group an opportunity to share Jesus with that person or take a step closer to sharing Jesus with that person.

If you or someone in your group haven't been baptized, go to <https://shepherdchurch.com/baptism> and sign up for one of the baptism classes offered on Zoom (you'll also find some of Pastor Dudley's sermons on baptism). If appropriate, offer to attend the baptism class with someone who hasn't been baptized (for support and to answer any questions they might have).