

"Hope in the Heavens" Small Group Questions Week of March 12, 2023

Icebreaker:

Where is one of the most beautiful places you have ever been? What impressed you about that place? What was one of the most beautiful spots in or around your hometown when you were growing up? Is it still there?

Discussion Questions:

1. What thoughts or images come to mind when you think of heaven or the afterlife?

Where do you think you get these ideas from?

- 2. Read Revelation 21:1-8 together.
- 3. What do you think it will be like living without fear, pain, or death and with the continual presence of God?

Will this new world to come be recognizable? How so?

4. What has caused you mourning, crying, and pain in the past year?

How can your small group support you as you continue to feel these hurts?

What does it mean to you to know that this will pass away?

5. How must the early Christians have greeted the vision of what was in store for them?

How do you think the Persecuted Church responds to this hope?

How do you respond to this same hope?

6. The great purpose of this passage is to remind the reader that we have hope guaranteed through Jesus Christ. In what ways do we forget this hope?

How can your small group encourage each other to remember the hope of Revelation 21?

7. How ought the hope of Revelation 21 change the way we live?

How can your small group support one another in this endeavor?