

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."—1 Corinthians 2:9

"How you think about heaven affects everything in life—how you prioritize love, how willing you are to sacrifice for the long term, how you view suffering, what you fear or don't fear."

## —John Burke, Imagine Heaven

Your need for God's **PRESENCE** will lead you to God's **PROMISE**.

- 1. Heaven is **AVAILABLE NOW**.
  - **<u>PRAYER</u>** gives us <u>ACCESS</u> to heaven.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."—Matthew 6:9-10

- 2. Jesus invited us to JOIN HIM.
  - **JESUS** is the **WAY** to heaven.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.". —John 14:1-7

- 3. Our "why's" here **WON'T MATTER** there.
  - LOVE overcomes LOSS in heaven.

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."—**Revelation 21:1-4** 

## **Continue the Conversation**

- 1. What do you imagine heaven is like?
- 2. How could knowing heaven is "worth it" grow your faith this week?