



Heaven in Black and White

Week 4 Discussion Questions: How Can I Know For Sure I Am Going To Heaven?

GETTING STARTED

After catching up with each other, open your time with this:

On a scale of 1-10 (1 being rarely and 10 being frequently) how often do you think about the question, "How can I know for sure I am going to heaven?" Why do you think this is the case for you?

Pray together to start your Bible study and discussion time.

1. Apart from the teaching of the Bible, what are some common ways the world tries to answer the question of, "How can I know for sure I am going to heaven?" List out some responses. Is there appeal in some of these responses? What are the problems with these responses?

Now let's look at how the Bible answers this question in black and white.

Designate one person to read 1 John 5:1-8 out loud, as the group follows along.

2. 1 John 5:1 says that, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God," and then 1 John 5:4 goes on to say that, "for everyone born of God overcomes the world." What in our world needs to be "overcome"? According to the scriptures can we overcome this on our own?

3. In your life have you ever tried to deal with sin and death on your own? What were the results?

Designate one person to read 1 John 5:9-13 out loud, as the group follows along.

4. Looking specifically at 1 John 5:11-12? What is the testimony that God gives about His Son Jesus?

5. If you believe in the Son of God and have already accepted this testimony, how would you describe the life that you now have in Jesus? How has your life changed? How does this affect your hope for the life to come in eternity?

Pray together to close your time.

LOOKING AHEAD

In your anchoring time this week...

- **FOCUS** on the life that is found in Jesus Christ. (1 John 5:11)
- **THANK** God for the victory He gives us through Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)
- **CONFESS** the ways you have doubted (in word and deed and thought) God's gift of life in Jesus. (Romans 6:23)
- **ASK** God to fill you with confidence that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:6)

