

AFTERLIFE

WHAT COMES NEXT?

INTRO

What place do you consider “Heaven on Earth”? A fancy hotel? A scenic spot?

DISCUSSION

1. Mike mentions that many people don't think much about heaven. Why do you think this is, and how often do you personally contemplate eternity?
2. Mike shares some popular conceptions of heaven- Disney for the Dead, Worship World, or Ah Ha Land. Have you had these? How does the Bible's description of the New Jerusalem (as described in Revelation 21) challenge any of those?
3. Mike suggests that understanding heaven can help us justify postponing pleasure and make wise decisions. Can you think of a situation where this perspective might influence your choices?
4. How does the idea that God Himself will be present in heaven affect your anticipation of eternity?
5. Mike quotes a friend who says: “Our vocation at the moment is to balance the joys and sorrows of this life.” How can the hope of heaven help us maintain this balance in our daily lives?
6. Bonus: listen to the song [Running Away](#) by Peter Himmelman, a song about heaven. The verses discuss all the things that won't be there—it's not a song based on Scripture, but a piece of poetry that challenges convention. The chorus repeats the refrain “And I can guarantee you won't be let down.” Listen and respond as a group.

