

Half Truths about Heaven (10/20/24)

Discussion Questions

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- **Half Truth 1: Earth is our temporary home**
 - Whole truth: Earth is our temporary home *until* it is our perfect and permanent home
- **Half Truth 2: We are going back to Eden**
 - Whole truth: we are going back to Eden *surrounded* by the work of God's hands and some of our own
- **Half Truth 3: We will worship for eternity**
 - Whole truth: we will worship for eternity *by* singing, filling, subduing and ruling the New Earth with King Jesus
- **Half Truth 4: We are called to keep watch for Christ's return**
 - Whole truth: We are called to keep watch for Christ's return by giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord.

Get Started:

1. What do you like best about the work you are doing right now (whether you get paid for it or not)?
2. What is the hardest part of your work right now?

Dig In: Read Revelation 21:1-5

3. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. What encourages you most here? What are you most looking forward to?
5. In what sense is earth our temporary home? In what sense will it be our perfect and permanent home?
6. To what extent are we going back to Eden? What will be different from Eden in the new earth?
7. **Read Revelation 22:1-5.** What stands out to you here? What encourages you most?
8. How will worship be similar to what we do now? How will it be different?
9. What does it mean that "we will reign with him forever"? (See Gen. 1:28)

Move Forward:

- Did these truths about heaven change how you think and feel about the work you do most days? How?
- What parts of your daily work do you already know make a difference for eternity?
- Are there some ways you are spending your time that you think need to change to have greater kingdom impact?
- How can we pray for you as you persevere with the work to which God has called you?