

III. My Home

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." Philippians 3:20-21

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. 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." John 14:2-3

◆ Heaven = **Citizenship**

◆ Earth = **Resident Alien**

What did Jesus say about getting to Heaven?

"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." John 14:4-6

◆ Thomas' Question = **Directional**

◆ Jesus' Response = **Relational**

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1) Finish this sentence: *"My ideal 'picture' of heaven is..."*

2) Finish this sentence: *"I want to go to heaven because..."*

3) In what ways does the reality of heaven secure your hope on earth?

4) In what ways does the reality of heaven become a haven for you while on earth?

5) Read Philippians 3:17-21. How do you understand the nature of your "citizenship" in heaven?

6) Read John 14:1-6. How might Jesus' response to Thomas' question be completely "outside the box" from what he expected? Discuss the implications of the directional question to the relational answer.



Redeeming Notes

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Series: What Did Jesus Say About That?

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John 14:1-6

Jesus said Heaven is....

I. My Hope

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11-12

- ◆ **Anticipation** - future destiny to look forward to
- ◆ **Preparation** - life on earth to be lived in preparation for life in heaven

II. My Haven

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live 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 21:3-4

- ◆ Heaven is void of **evil** (Matthew 13:49)
- ◆ Heaven is void of **death** (Luke 20:34-36)