



Prepare: Read and reflect on John 3:16-18; 17:3; and 14:6 before your group meeting. Write down any observations, questions, or insights that come to mind as you meditate on these verses.

Discuss*

- What thoughts, images, or feelings arise whenever you hear the question: How do I get to Heaven?
- What are some other ways to ask that question?
- How have you heard that question answered before?

Read John 17:3.

- How does Jesus define “eternal life”? What does he mean?
- How does this compare to some of the typical ways people view “getting to heaven”?
- Does seeing “eternal life” through the lens of relationship, rather than a destination, make any difference in our lives in the present? Why or why not?

Read John 3:16-18.

- What does this passage say about those who will and will not have eternal life?
- If eternal life is “knowing the Father and Jesus Christ whom He has sent,” how does believing in Jesus lead to eternal life? What does it look like to “believe” in Jesus?

Read John 14:6.

- How does Jesus refer to himself in our journey to get to the Father? Why do you think he chooses these words?
- How do you see these words play out in your life in the present?

Apply

- What does thinking through these passages reveal to you about God and salvation?
- What do you think you need to think, feel, or do differently in light of these passages?
- What is the greatest encouragement and the greatest challenge in front of you as a result of this week’s discussion?
- How can your group come alongside you as you pursue the presence of God in your life?

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden (Genesis 3:8).

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us) (Matthew 1:23).

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God” (Revelation 21:3).

**Use these questions to guide your discussion. Don’t feel like you have to go through all of them and make sure you take time to talk through any questions and observations from the group.*