

Growth Group Questions

Mission Festival, October 11, 2026

Introduction

Our readings for this Mission Festival weekend focus appropriately on the heaven that believers will all enjoy together. Scripture uses several different pictures of what heaven will be like. Share your favorite with the group and why you chose that particular picture.

Into the Word – Isaiah 25:6-9

1. In this part of Isaiah's prophecy, God describes heaven as a banquet feast. Who is invited to that feast in verse six?
2. People wonder exactly what God will give us in heaven. Will there be chocolate? What about pets? God simply doesn't tell us *WHAT* will be there. Instead he tells us in verse 6 how good it will be. What quality of meat and wine does he describe in this picture of heaven, and what does that mean for how good ALL of heaven will be?
3. Isaiah pictures death as a shroud that covers all people and nations. And it is – death is inescapable for everyone, rich or poor. What is God going to do with death itself on the Last Day?
4. I think many people picture heaven according to the Revelation picture of believers standing around the throne of God and singing praise to God with the angels. Maybe. But maybe we'll be praising God by taking care of a perfect new creation the same way Adam and Eve tended the Garden of Eden. Whatever God gives us to do in heaven, what's the main thing we do there according to verse nine?

Into the Word – Romans 1:16-17

5. I have to write this study before hearing Pastor Moua's sermon, but you've heard it. What examples did he give that the gospel is the "power of God" for salvation?

6. The gospel is the core truth that Jesus died and rose to take our sins away and earn a place in heaven for us. How do you share that core truth with non-Christians when you get the chance?
7. Explain: Righteousness is both what God demands by law AND what God gives to us by faith.

Into the Word – Matthew 22:1-14

8. Give some hypothetical examples of the kinds of people that are invited to the heavenly wedding feast but refuse the invitation? What is their sad end in Jesus' parable?
9. Give some hypothetical (or real) examples of the kinds of people that do get to go to the wedding.
10. Note how in the parable it is God who goes and gathers the wedding guests in verse nine. And that he goes out to both "good and bad." How does that reflect exactly how God saves sinners, especially with regard to the righteousness we studied in Romans 1?
11. There was one guest gathered by the king who was kicked out of the wedding for not wearing his wedding clothes. Read James 3:14-18. (Especially verse 18!) What do you suppose that means?
12. Our mission field isn't a thousand miles away – it's close to home, or even in our homes. Share with the group one person you plan to share the gospel with this week. Then pray for the opportunity!

Closing Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for your promise of heaven and the gift of righteousness that gives me a place there with you. Give me lasting joy at this good news, and give me opportunities to share that good news with those around me. Amen.