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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Do you plan to visit the Clay County Fair?

SERMON REVIEW

If someone told you we float around heaven like ghosts for eternity, what would you say to correct their thinking?

What chapters in the Bible would you show them?

Why is it important for God to purify and resurrect the heavens and the earth, not just our bodies?

God decided to make his home with us on the new earth a massive and beautiful city, not a simple Garden like Eden. What does this tell us about God's view of cities, culture and relationships?

Do you think all of the descriptions of the New Jerusalem are literal or are some metaphoric? Which descriptions do you think are literal and which to you think are metaphorical? Why?

Why should we feel both startled and thrilled to know we will see the face of God?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Revelation 21. Make a list of things that won't be in heaven. Why is this good news?

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How is our present access to God different from the access we will have to God in the New Jerusalem?

Read Revelation 21:12-14. The New Jerusalem has twelve gates and twelve foundation stones. What do these symbolize?

Read Revelation 19:5-6; Revelation 22:3-5. There are two primary activities in heaven. According to these verses, what are they?

Why is it important to participate in these activities now to prepare for eternity then?

Read Revelation 7:17; 21:4. Why is important to know God cares about us so much he will wipe away every tear?

What tears do you look forward to God wiping away?

Pause a few moments to consider what we, as believers, can do to encourage others to take advantage of the salvation Jesus offers. Based on your group discussion, what might be on your "To-Do" action list?