



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Heaven is just better.

HEAD CHANGE: The return of Jesus (the second advent) points us to Heaven.

HEART CHANGE: To see Jesus as the ultimate prize of Heaven.

LIFE CHANGE: To live with a greater expectation of eternity so you will have a greater impact on Earth.

OVERVIEW

Advent is as much about looking back as it is looking ahead—back to Christ’s incarnation, ahead to His return. Hebrews 9:28 tells us, “So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a **second time**, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” The Christmas message when stripped of its cultural overtones and traditions is relatively simple: God came to earth in the form of a man, and He will return once again. Jesus’ return points us to Heaven. You may ask, “What is Heaven like?” Well, whatever you can imagine—Heaven is better.

“Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”

-1 John 3:2-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you hope to experience when you first enter Heaven? Describe a moment when you felt like you experienced a piece of Heaven?
2. What are some misconceptions you’ve had about Heaven?
3. How does your specific view of Heaven change the way you live on earth?
4. Have you ever felt unsure of whether you are going to Heaven? How have you worked through that?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

God, we love you. Thank you for preparing a place in Heaven for us. Thank you for sending Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. Teach us to seek you and your will on earth as it is in Heaven. Help us to share the hope we have with others. In Jesus’s name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!