

## Grace Group Questions

### 09-30-2018 - A Place Called Heaven - John 14:1-3

**REMINDER:** The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Passage:** Read John 14:1-3 & 1 Cor. 13:8-10
  - What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
  - Can you outline the sermon?
  
2. **Observation – What did you hear?**
  - What are some common misconceptions of heaven? Why do you think some people think heaven will be boring/uneventful/unexciting?
  
  - What were the first three negative expressions that are characteristic of our earthly relationships that will be removed in heaven?
  
  - What were the second set of positive expressions that will be characteristic of our heavenly relationships?
  
3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**
  - **1 Corinthians 13:8–10** - *8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.* What does the 'perfect' refer to in this passage? Explain your answer.
  
  - **1 Corinthians 13:12–13** - *12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.* Why is love greater than faith and hope? Explain your answer.
  
  - **Colossians 3:1–2** - *1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.* What does it mean to 'set your minds on things that are above'?
  
4. **Application – How does this apply?**
  - C.S. Lewis said, "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this." Do you agree or disagree with Lewis' statement? Explain.
  
  - What are you doing today to lay up an eternal investment for tomorrow? How are you using your gifts, finances, resources for Gods kingdom?
  
  - What can we be doing presently on earth to help our relationships look more like what they will be in heaven?
  
5. **Prayer ...**