

Sermon Discussion Questions

**Looking Down**

April 22, 2018

1. What gets in the way of our keeping our minds on heavenly things?
2. How did the insights into the Bible or the monologue that Grace did touch your heart?
  - I'd imagine that this message may have had some challenging thoughts that you may not have considered before. Can you recall any and why was it challenging?
3. How can those in heaven know the bad things that are happening on earth (Revelation 6:9-11), and yet not sin in their reactions to it?
4. Like the angels continue to learn (Ephesians 3:8-10 and 1 Peter 1:11-12), people will continue to learn in heaven. Brainstorm a little with each other on what we will be learning when we are in heaven and what we will already know.
5. Jeremy said we should not try and talk to the dead. Read these passages and see if you can see why we should heed those words: Leviticus 19:31; 20:6; Deuteronomy 18:11; King Saul talked with the prophet Samuel after he was dead as recorded in 1 Samuel 28:1-19 and look what Isaiah 8:19-20 says about consulting the dead.
6. Read Hebrews 11 and see where the people listed there had their minds focused.
  - Discuss what Hebrews 11:6 tells us to do...and are each of us doing it?
  - Given your insights into Hebrews 11, what does our "race" (Hebrews 12:1-2) look like (i.e., what is our race that we are to run with endurance)? How are we doing—what encumbrances do we (each of us must have different encumbrances) have to lay aside?
7. Given all this talk about heaven, who do you know that you are uncertain if they are going to be in heaven? Do you think there is a way to share the good news of Jesus with them? Explain how we might reach out to them. Let's pray for them together.