

GETTING STARTED:

- 1) When were you denied something you wanted now, only to get something better later?
- 2) What were you taught about “salvation” growing up and what did that entail?

MESSAGE BIG IDEA: I Really Believe: Heaven On Earth Part 2: Complete Restoration

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-11; Matthew 9:20-22; 10:28; Philippians 3:18-21; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Ephesians 2:6-10

DISCUSSION

- 1) Why did the apostles ask Jesus about His plans to “restore the kingdom to Israel” at that time in Acts 1 and what do you make of Jesus’ response to them? Why is the ascension of Jesus such a big deal here, according to Brian Gorman?
- 2) What did Jesus do for the woman in Matthew 9 and what impact did Brian Gorman say this has for us today?
- 3) What does 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 say about our salvation? How are we to think of ourselves as “new creations” today, based on Brian Gorman’s message?
- 4) In Reading Matthew 10:28, what did Brian Gorman say is the literal meaning of the word, “Soul” in that verse? Hint: It’s where we get, *Psychology*. What is God’s intention for the soul and the body based on this verse, then?

DIG DEEPER

- 1) What is the difference between waiting to go to heaven and waiting on Jesus to come to earth?
- 2) Why do many think of salvation as something only in the future (after they die)? How is it possible for Christians to recognize that their salvation begins while they’re on earth now?
- 3) When Jesus says “heaven is like...” in the gospels, what is He referencing and what is the cumulative effect of those references? How do you respond to the concept of restoring “this world” by Jesus?

BRING IT HOME

- 1) How does the idea that salvation is not explicitly for heaven, but for the here and now, change the way you interact with others?
- 2) How does God’s grace based on Ephesians 2 allow you to do good works for Jesus?

ASK FOR GOD’S HELP

- 1) How can we pray to help you find ways to be the ‘hands and feet’ of Jesus?
- 2) How can we pray to help you overcome any reluctance or obstacles you may face in living out your salvation?