

AFTERLIFE

MESSAGE NOTES

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Who Goes Where Based on What?

Be certain that you will receive the inheritance of heaven.

Jesus is the **authority** on heaven and hell.

The disciples' question: *Matthew 24:3*

A. WHO?

1. Jesus is the **judge**. (v.31)
2. **All people** will be judged. (v.32,33)

B. WHERE?

1. Heaven is an **inheritance** and, therefore, not earned. (v.34)

Ephesians 1:3-6

- a. Heaven is a **real place** to which we are invited. (v.34)

- b. Heaven is **eternal life**. (v.46)

John 3:16,17

2. Hell is a place of eternal **punishment** for evil to which the unrighteous are sent. (v.46)

John 3:18

C. Based on WHAT?

1. Caring for the least of these is **evidence** that I have a relationship with Jesus, not the means for entrance into heaven. (vv.35-37)

1 John 3:16-18

2. Hearing and then **believing** the message of the truth, the gospel, is the means for entrance into heaven.

Ephesians 1:7,13-14

Now What? Be certain that you will receive the inheritance of heaven.

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of May 5, 2019



Share It

Get to know one another

Share about an amazing gift you received.



Study the Word

Learning to know God from the Bible

This week's 'Now what' statement: "Be certain that you will receive the inheritance of heaven."

Some of Jesus' most direct teaching about final judgment is found in Matthew 25. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and consider these questions: Who is the judge that will decide who receives the inheritance of God's kingdom (eternal life)? On what basis? How are these 'receivers' described in this passage? What specific evidence from their lives reveals that they have a relationship with Jesus?

According to 1 Timothy 2:3-4 and 2 Peter 3:8-9, what is God's desire?

What do we learn about who will enter the kingdom of heaven from the following? Matthew 5:20, 1 Corinthians 6:9 and then Romans 3:21-24 (compare this to Matthew 25:46)

John 5:24

Titus 3:3-6

Ephesians 2:8-9

Colossians 2:13-14

In your own words, who will enter the kingdom of heaven?



Discuss Together

Discuss how God can change our lives

What are the essentials for sharing with someone how they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

What assurances do you personally hold on to that you will receive the inheritance?

What gives you confidence to share the good news of who enters the kingdom of heaven? What verses would you use?



Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- Please share about and pray for the unconvinced people in your world
- Pray for our elders who lead our church family



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Share with someone what you are learning about the promise of inheritance of heaven.