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WEEK 1: HERE, NOT THERE

Small Group Discussion Guide // March 4, 2018

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that challenged, intrigued, surprised, bothered, confused, or was new to you?
2. Describe your concept of heaven. What images, words, or ideas come to mind when you consider heaven?
3. Read **Isaiah 11:1-9** and **Revelation 21:1-5, 22-26** together.
What thoughts, feelings, or emotions do these passage evoke in you? Which words or phrases stuck out to you, and why?
4. Jesus taught His disciples to pray to the Father, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10)."
In what ways have you seen heaven on earth? Where have you seen, heard, or read about the in-breaking of God's Kingdom on earth?
In what ways have you seen hell on earth? Where have you seen, heard, or read about darkness and despair?
5. Do you find the future eternal marriage of the realms of heaven and earth more or less hopeful and comforting than the idea of leaving an earthly realm for an eternal heavenly realm? Explain why.
6. Pastor Brandon said that "heaven is not a future destination to await but a present reality to pursue." Consider what you heard this week and what you may have read of the words of Jesus in Scripture.
What are some tangible ways followers of Jesus are tasked with living into the reality of heaven on earth?
Where has the church of today failed to live up to the expectations of Jesus in this area?
7. What is one thing you need to remember or act on this week as a result of this teaching and study? What accountability do you need to ensure action?