

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. What one feature of “heaven” do you long for most?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Isaiah 65:17. Do you think you’ll want to remember this life in the next? Why or why not?
3. Verse 19 says weeping and crying will cease. How much time and energy would you estimate is lost in our present battle with grief, tragedy and strife?
4. Verse 20 promises the end of infant death and instead greatly extended lifespans. Discuss the ramifications.
5. Verses 21-23 indicate work will be a feature of the Kingdom. Is that surprising to you? (cf Genesis 2:15) How will work change?
6. Some dismiss the Kingdom as unspiritual and materialistic. How will the Kingdom be spiritually rich? (cf v.23)
7. How is “peace” the dominant Kingdom attribute (v.25).
8. The Kingdom differs from the eventual new heaven and new earth. Read and compare Revelation 20:1-6 with Revelation 21:1-5.
9. How did Christ demonstrate in his first coming an ability to establish the Kingdom as described by Isaiah 65:17-25?

LIVING IT OUT

10. Read Colossians 3:1-4. With what mindset should we live today?
11. What excites you about the Kingdom? What gives you pause?
12. How does this passage motivate you toward personal holiness? Toward missions and evangelism?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create...”

- Isaiah 65:18a NIV

