



- The end times should not generate **fear** but **joy**.

The reality is:

- **Ready** or **not**, here He comes.

40 You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected." Luke 12:40 (NLT)

- This **world** is not our **home**.

20 But our homeland is in heaven, where our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is; and we are looking forward to his return from there. 21 When he comes back, he will take these dying bodies of ours and change them into glorious bodies like his own... Philipians 3:20-21 (TLB)

12 "Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. Revelation 22:12 (NLT)

- We're not **qualified** for Heaven by how **good** we are.
- Though our works don't qualify us for Heaven, the way we **live** does determine how we will be **rewarded** in Heaven.

8 Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. Ephesians 6:8 (NLT)

27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Matthew 16:27 (NIV)

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

What we see about God's rewards:

- God has prepared heaven for **you**.

9 ..."No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

2 There are many homes up there where my Father lives, and I am going to prepare them for your coming. 3 When everything is ready, then I will come and get you, so that you can always be with me where I am.... John 14:2-3 (TLB)

34 "Then I, the King, shall say to those at my right, 'Come, blessed of my Father, into the Kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. Matthew 25:34 (TLB)

- God rewards those who live out their **faith**.

12 ..."When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. 13 Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14 Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you." Luke 14:12-14 (NLT)

- We're rewarded by how we treat **others**.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' ...40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' Matthew 25:34-36, 40 (NLT)

5 crowns:

- **Incorruptible** Crown. 1 Cor. 9:24-27

- Crown of **Rejoicing** .1 Thess. 2:19-20

- Crown of **Righteousness** .2 Tim. 4:8

- Crown of **Glory** .1 Peter 5:2-5

- Crown of **Life** .James 1:12

- We always **worship** God with what we've been **given**.

Revelation 21:4 (NLT)

What will not be in heaven:

- No more **death**. (21:4b)

- No more **sorrow**. (21:4b)

- No more **crying**. (21:4a)

- No more **pain**. (21:4b)

- No more **sin**. (21:27)

27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27 (NIV)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What's one point from the Talk that really stood out to you? Is there a scripture from Sunday that stands out to you? Why?
- What do you think about the point that says - The way we live does determine how we will be rewarded in heaven?
- Are you living for a greater reward in heaven, or just hoping you make it in?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading "What we see about God's rewards". How do you feel your reward will be?
- Talk through the 5 different crowns that will be given out. Which one are you planning on receiving?
- How does it make you feel to imagine Jesus putting that crown on you? What does laying our crown at His feet represent?
- Read Revelation 21. What stands out to you about heaven? Are you looking forward to going?

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