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## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 15, 2026 | ESSENTIALS – Week 7



### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

1. If you could visit any place in the world that you've only seen in pictures, where would you go and why?
2. When people picture heaven, what are some of the most common ideas or images they tend to have?



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out, challenged or encouraged you.
2. Read **Luke 14:12–14**. What glimpse of heaven does Jesus give in this passage?
3. Genesis 1-2 shows us that creation was originally designed for heaven and earth to overlap. How does that help you understand the promise of a “new heaven and new earth”?
4. C.S. Lewis suggested that our longing for something more in life points toward the reality of heaven. Where do you see that longing show up in people’s lives today?
5. Read **Revelation 21:1–4**. What stands out to you about the description of the new heaven and new earth?
6. Read **John 14:2–3**. What does Jesus promise about our future with Him, and why is that hope so significant?
7. How might having an eternal perspective help you pursue things that matter for eternity?



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

### READ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

1. What is something that jumps out at you from this passage?
2. What contrasts do you notice between what is “seen” and what is “unseen”?
3. According to this passage, how should we view present struggles and suffering?
4. Why do you think Paul calls present troubles “light and momentary” compared to what is coming?
5. How does focusing on eternal realities change the way we respond to difficult seasons in life?
6. What does this passage reveal about the relationship between perseverance and eternal hope?



## YOUR NEXT STEP \_\_\_\_\_

1. If judgment and eternity are real, how should that shape the way you live this week?
2. Read and meditate on **2 Corinthians 5:10–14** this week. Think of one person in your life who needs the hope of the gospel. Write down their name and commit to praying for them. Consider inviting them to coffee this week and/or to our Resurrection Sunday service on April 4<sup>th</sup>.



## PRAYING TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

Take time to share burdens and pray for one another.