

ETERNITY 101



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Note for leaders

We recommend group members read the questions before viewing each session, as it may be helpful for them to write in their answers as they watch.

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Session 1

1. Before watching this session, what did you think Heaven was like? (e.g., boring, harp playing, perpetual church services, an endless singing of hymns, etc.)

2. Perhaps in the past you have aligned yourself with the health, wealth and prosperity gospel. What Scripture does Randy use to refute this “gospel”?

3. Randy states that these teachings on Heaven are not his new ideas. Among all the quotes Randy shared, which one challenged you most? How has it challenged you?

4. What hope is found in Isaiah 25:7-8 and Revelation 21:4? Have you ever shared this hope or hung onto it while experiencing a difficult trial?

5. For all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ doing the Heaven study, in what way have you been more emboldened in your faith to share the good news and tell of your future home on the New Earth?

Reflections

Session 2

1. What evidence in Scripture is there to show that believers will recognize people in Heaven?

2. What truth was Randy emphasizing by going to the other side of the door? Is this a concept that has perplexed you before?

3. Draw the Heaven timeline presented by Randy. What new understanding do you have about this visual that encourages you?

4. What two basic Scriptures does Randy mesh together to help us to better understand Heaven?
(Hint: the first two chapters and the last two chapters of the Bible!)

5. Share what your favorite question from the Question/Answer section was, and what you learned.

Reflections

Session 3

1. What did you learn from Hebrews 9:11 and 9:24 about Heaven? How does this encourage you in your pursuit of learning and sharing about Heaven?

2. Have you ever thought about the Tree of Life and where it is now? What do you observe in Genesis 3:24, Revelation 2:7, and Revelation 22:2, and what does this tell you about Heaven?

3. What causes Randy to think the story of the rich man and Lazarus is to be understood as more than a parable?

4. Revelation 6:9-11 has a wealth of information on what is happening in the present Heaven. What are 10 things about Heaven's activities we can learn from this passage? What is the most encouraging thing you learn from these verses? Does anything in these verses trouble or concern you? How?

5. Scripture states that God will wipe away all of our tears (Revelation 21:4). What did Randy suggest instead of there being a "memory wipe" (not remembering things that would cause us to cry)? Did you find comfort in this idea?

Reflections

Session 4

1. State at least one Scripture where God sent someone back from the present Heaven. Were they recognizable? Were they knowledgeable about earthly situations? How has this affected previous thoughts you may have had about Heaven?

2. Examine the “Three Eras of Earth and Mankind” chart. (You can find a printable chart online at www.epm.org/threeras.) What connections do you see between the first and last books of the Bible? What do these connections mean to you?

3. What Scriptures would you share with someone who does not understand the biblical teaching that God will renew the earth into a New Earth where God will dwell in his fullness?

4. Were your ideas about eternal rewards challenged? State some verses shared in this lesson that proclaim the importance of eternal rewards and how they differ from what is required for salvation.

5. How accurate is it to say: “This world is not our home”? Have you ever considered this statement to be true? Do you still see it the same way?

— Reflections —

Session 5

1. Read out loud Acts 3:21. According to this verse, what will God restore? How does this future restoration encourage you to faithfully press on in this present fallen world?

2. What did closed gates mean in the ancient world, and why will there be no closed gates on the New Earth?

3. List several things from Isaiah 65 that match up with Revelation 21 and 22. Which one encourages you today and why?

4. Did you understand how Isaiah 65 was a picture of the New Earth/New Heavens as well as a picture of the Millennial Kingdom? Name one thing you learned in this passage that cannot be on the New Earth.

5. What's one thing you learned from the Q&A's at the end of the session?

Reflections

Session 6

1. Jesus came not only to abolish the curse but to _____ the curse. What does this mean to you?

2. Randy quotes many other authors from other times to show that these teachings on Heaven are not “his own new” ideas. Share a quote you especially like, and how will it encourage you to live differently.

3. How did Randy refute the idea that there does not need to be a body in order for there to be a resurrection?

4. From this lesson, list some Bible verses that speak of the resurrection. Do you have trouble reading them literally instead of figuratively?

5. 1 Corinthians 15 talks about the resurrection of a spiritual body. What does this mean? Did you view a spiritual body as something different before this lesson?

Reflections

Session 7

1. The topic of Hell is a difficult one. According to Matthew 13:40-42, what is Hell's purpose?

2. Hell is as eternal as _____. Does this make you uncomfortable? What do you do when God says something that makes you uncomfortable?

3. What is Universalism? Is it biblical?

4. What are your thoughts on cremation?

5. What does Revelation 21:1-2 teach us about the New Jerusalem?

— Reflections —

Session 8

1. What is your understanding of the age of accountability?

2. What can we learn about Heaven from Luke 6:21 and 6:25?

3. To counteract the premise that Heaven will be boring, this statement was made: "Heaven is the happiness of God." What does this look like to you?

4. Based on 2 Peter 3:10, many believe that the earth will be annihilated. What Scriptures clarify this is NOT how 2 Peter 3:10 is to be best interpreted? How do we know from Scripture that the present day earth will be perfected?

5. Read the following statement: “When a caterpillar passes away, a butterfly emerges.” How did this statement connect with the Heaven study?

— Reflections —

Session 9

1. The Bible speaks of fullness of joy. What do you believe about Christian hedonism?

2. Do you struggle with the concept that God desires to give you rewards? Why or why not? Share a verse that confirms God rewards his children.

3. Look at Luke 12:37. Do you accept the truth that your Creator desires to serve you at the banquet? Why or why not?

4. State some verses that indicate that believers will one day have stewardship over the New Earth. Are these verses an encouragement to you?

5. Randy discussed the Lord's prayer. Did you learn anything new or different about this prayer of Jesus?

Reflections

Session 10

1. 1 Corinthians 6:2-3 states, “The saints will judge the world.” As a believer, is this difficult for you to understand? List three verses that reveal that believers will have positions of authority on the New Earth.

2. What makes believers royalty?

3. In the ancient Hebrew mind how were seas understood? How will the seas be different on the New Earth?

4. Even if you are someone who doesn't like living in the city on this present earth, describe the New Jerusalem. Share what you look forward to seeing and experiencing there.

5. Share your favorite question from the Question/Answer section, and what you learned.

— Reflections —

Session 11

1. What evidence is there that on the New Earth we will be ourselves without the sinfulness of this earth?

2. How did Spurgeon's analogy of grieving the death of a loved one (as sending your children off to bed with the expectation that you would see them in the morning) resonate with you?

3. Although speculative, the question of what age will we be in Heaven is an interesting one. What do you think about it and why?

4. In Heaven the believer will be free from the penalty of sin, the power of sin, and the presence of sin. How does this truth encourage you to share the gospel with others?

5. In Heaven everyone and everything will be perfectly pure. What about Heaven makes you the most excited?

Reflections

Session 12

1. What do you think about the only marriage in Heaven being that between Christ and His bride, the Church?

2. What verses show us God cares for animals?

3. What do you learn from Romans 8 about the resurrection of man and animals?

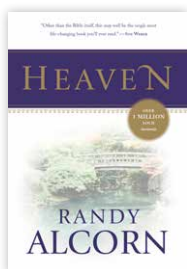
4. Were you inspired by reading about how God delights in the arts and has given gifts to craftsmen?

5. In light of all you've learned about Heaven, what truths will you boldly share with others?

— Reflections —

List of Helpful Resources

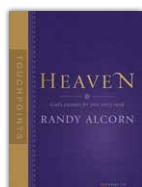
Books and Products from Randy Alcorn



Heaven

In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy invites you to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it—a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ’s presence.

Learn more and read an excerpt at www.epm.org/heavenbook.



Touchpoints: Heaven

Inspired by Randy Alcorn’s comprehensive book *Heaven*, this reference guide contains biblically based answers to many questions about Heaven. Question and answer format, with a topical index.

Learn more and read an excerpt at www.epm.org/touchpoints.



Heaven booklets (pack of 20)

This booklet is a sampling of the questions and answers found in the larger book and is used widely at memorial services and funerals, and as an evangelistic tool with friends and neighbors. (Also available for purchase as single copies.)

Learn more and read an excerpt at www.epm.org/heavenbooklet.



Heaven tracts (pack of 25)

Randy explains that Heaven isn’t our “default destination” and that specific preparation must be made if we are to safely arrive in Heaven.

Learn more and read the tract at www.epm.org/heaventract.

See a complete list of Randy’s books at www.epm.org/books.

Explore more resources on the EPM website

At www.epm.org/resources/heavenpastors, pastors and group leaders can find more helpful resources on the topic of Heaven.

There are many more articles and audio and video resources related to Heaven and the New Earth on EPM’s website at www.epm.org/resources/category/heaven.



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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
— 2 Corinthians 4:18

Eternity 101 Leader's Guide

Many of the answer helps below refer to Randy Alcorn's comprehensive *Heaven* book for more information (www.epm.org/heavenbook). While the book is not necessary to complete the study, it would be helpful for the group leader to have a copy of the book to refer to during discussions.

Session 1

1. *Before watching this session, what did you think Heaven was like? (e.g., boring, harp playing, perpetual church services, an endless singing of hymns, etc.)*

Leaders and group members can refer to the free online resource “What are the four most common misconceptions about Heaven?”: www.epm.org/heavenmisconceptions. For more information, see chapter 1, “Are You Looking Forward to Heaven?”, of Randy's *Heaven* book.

2. *Perhaps in the past you have aligned yourself with the health, wealth and prosperity gospel. What Scripture does Randy use to refute this “gospel”?*

Leaders and group members can refer to the free online resource “Is the Health and Wealth Gospel Biblical?”: www.epm.org/healthwealth-biblical.

3. *Randy states that these teachings on Heaven are not his new ideas. Among all the quotes Randy shared, which one challenged you most? How has it challenged you?*

Encourage your group members to share.

4. *What hope is found in Isaiah 25:7-8 and Revelation 21:4? Have you ever shared this hope or hung onto it while experiencing a difficult trial?*

“On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces” (Isaiah 25:7-8).

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

Encourage your group to share.

5. *For all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ doing the Heaven study, in what way have you been more emboldened in your faith to share the good news and tell of your future home on the New Earth?*

Encourage your group to share.

Session 2

1. *What evidence in Scripture is there to show that believers will recognize people in Heaven?*

Leaders and group members can refer to the free online resource “Once in Heaven, will people know and recognize those they knew on earth?”: www.epm.org/heaven-recognize. For more information, see the section “Will We Recognize Each Other?” in chapter 34, “Will We Desire Relationships with Anyone Except God?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

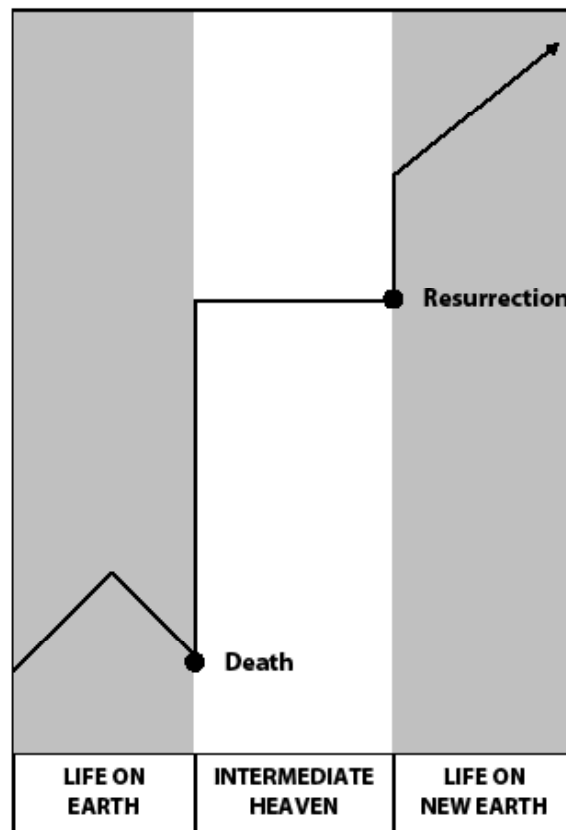
2. *What truth was Randy emphasizing by going to the other side of the door? Is this a concept that has perplexed you before?*

See the section “Through the Doorway” in chapter 45, “Reorienting Ourselves to Heaven as Our Home”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

3. *Draw the Heaven timeline presented by Randy. What new understanding do you have about this visual that encourages you?*

You can find the diagram “Are We Past Our Peaks?” online at www.epm.org/pastpeaks. For more information, see the section “Are We Past Our Peaks?” in chapter 43, “Will Our Dreams Be Fulfilled and Missed Opportunities Regained?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

Are We Past Our Peaks?



4. *What two basic Scriptures does Randy mesh together to help us to better understand Heaven? (Hint: the first two chapters and the last two chapters of the Bible!)*

See the section “The Three Phases of Earth’s History” in chapter 8, “This World Is Not Our Home . . . or Is It?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

5. *Share your favorite question from the Question/Answer section, and what you learned.*

Encourage your group to share.

Session 3

1. *What did you learn from Hebrews 9:11 and 9:24 about Heaven? How does this encourage you in your pursuit of learning and sharing about Heaven?*

“Christ went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, **not a part of this creation**” (Hebrews 9:11).

“Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; **he entered heaven itself**” (Hebrews 9:24).

See the section “Heaven as Substance, Earth as Shadow” in chapter 6, “Is the Present Heaven a Physical Place?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

2. *Have you ever thought about the Tree of Life and where it is now? What do you observe in Genesis 3:24, Revelation 2:7, and Revelation 22:2 and what does this tell you about Heaven?*

“He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life” (Genesis 3:24).

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7).

“...on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:2).

See the section “Does ‘Paradise’ Suggest a Physical Place?” in chapter 6, “Is the Present Heaven a Physical Place?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

3. *What causes Randy to think the story of the rich man and Lazarus is to be understood as more than a parable?*

See the section “What Can We Learn from the Rich Man and Lazarus?” in chapter 6, “Is the Present Heaven a Physical Place?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

4. *Revelation 6:9-11 has a wealth of information on what is happening in the present Heaven. What are 10 things about Heaven's activities we can learn from this passage? What is the most encouraging thing you learn from these verses? Does anything in these verses trouble or concern you? How?*

Group members can see the free online resource www.epm.org/21observations. See also chapter 7, "What Is Life Like in the Present Heaven?", in Randy's *Heaven* book.

5. *Scripture states that God will wipe away all of our tears (Revelation 21:4). What did Randy suggest instead of there being a "memory wipe" (not remembering things that would cause us to cry)? Did you find comfort in this idea?*

See the section "What Will We Remember?" in chapter 34, "Will We Desire Relationships with Anyone Except God?", of Randy's *Heaven* book.

Session 4

1. *State at least one Scripture where God sent someone back from the present Heaven. Were they recognizable? Were they knowledgeable about earthly situations? How has this affected previous thoughts you may have had about Heaven?*

See the section "What Will We Remember?" in chapter 34, "Will We Desire Relationships with Anyone Except God?", of Randy's *Heaven* book.

2. *Examine the "Three Eras of Earth and Mankind" chart. What connections do you see between the first and last books of the Bible? What do these connections mean to you?*

You can find a printable chart for "Three Eras of Earth and Mankind" online at www.epm.org/threeras. For more information, see the section "The Three Phases of Earth's History" in chapter 8, "This World Is Not Our Home . . . or Is It?", of Randy's *Heaven* book.

3. *What Scriptures would you share with someone who does not understand the biblical teaching that God will renew the earth into a New Earth where God will dwell in his fullness?*

See chapter 9, "Why Is Earth's Redemption Essential to God's Plan?", of Randy's *Heaven* book.

4. *Were your ideas about eternal rewards challenged? State some verses shared in this lesson that proclaim the importance of eternal rewards and how they differ from what is required for salvation.*

See the free online resource "Can we really earn eternal rewards?" at www.epm.org/really-earn-rewards. For further information on this topic, you may wish to reference Randy's book *The Law of Rewards* (www.epm.org/tlor).

5. *How accurate is it to say: “This world is not our home”? Have you ever considered this statement to be true? Do you still see it the same way?*

See chapter 8, “This World Is Not Our Home . . . or Is It?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book. This chapter is available to read online at www.epm.org/world-home.

Session 5

1. *Read out loud Acts 3:21. According to this verse, what will God restore? How does this future restoration encourage you to faithfully press on in this present fallen world?*

“...whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago” (Acts 3:21).

See the section “The New Earth Is the Old Earth Restored” in chapter 9, “Why Is Earth’s Redemption Essential to God’s Plan?” of Randy’s *Heaven* book,.

2. *What did closed gates mean in the ancient world, and why will there be no closed gates on the New Earth?*

See the section “What Is the Significance of the City’s Gates?” in chapter 24, “What Is the New Jerusalem?” of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

3. *List several things from Isaiah 65 that match up with Revelation 21 and 22. Which one encourages you today and why?*

Encourage your group to read Isaiah 65 and share.

4. *Did you understand how Isaiah 65 was a picture of the New Earth/New Heavens as well as a picture of the Millennial Kingdom? Name one thing you learned in this passage that cannot be on the New Earth.*

See the section “The Promised New World” in chapter 14, “Where and When Will Our Deliverance Come?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book. See also the online resource www.epm.org/isaiah65-question.

5. *What’s one thing you learned from the Q&A’s at the end of the session?*

Encourage your group to share.

Session 6

1. *Jesus came not only to abolish the curse but to ___(reverse)___ the curse. What does this mean to you?*

See the section “Removing the Curse” in chapter 10, “What Will It Mean for the Curse to Be Lifted?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

2. *Randy quotes many other authors from other times to show that these teachings on Heaven are not “his own new” ideas. Share a quote you especially like, and how will it encourage you to live differently.*

Encourage your group to share.

3. *How did Randy refute the idea that there does not need to be a body in order for there to be a resurrection?*

See chapter 11, “Why Is Resurrection So Important?”, in Randy’s *Heaven* book.

4. *From this lesson, some Bible verses that speak of the resurrection. Do you have trouble reading them literally instead of figuratively?*

See chapter 11, “Why Is Resurrection So Important?”, in Randy’s *Heaven* book.

5. *1 Corinthians 15 talks about the resurrection of a spiritual body. What does this mean? Did you view a spiritual body as something different before this lesson?*

See the section “The Promise of Imperishable Bodies” in chapter 11, “Why Is Resurrection So Important?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

Session 7

1. *The topic of Hell is a difficult one. According to Matthew 13:40-42, what is Hell’s purpose?*

See the section “Hell: Heaven’s Awful Alternative” in chapter 3, “Is Heaven Our Default Destination . . . or Is Hell?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

2. *Hell is as eternal as ___(Heaven)___. Does this make you uncomfortable? What do you do when God says something that makes you uncomfortable?*

See the section “What Did Jesus Say about Hell?” in chapter 3, “Is Heaven Our Default Destination . . . or Is Hell?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

3. *What is Universalism? Is it biblical?*

See the online resource www.epm.org/blog/universalism for a biblical look at universalism.

4. *What are your thoughts on cremation?*

See the free online resource “What is your view on cremation vs. burial? Do you believe a cremated body can be resurrected?”: www.epm.org/cremation.

5. *What does Revelation 21:1-2 teach us about the New Jerusalem?*

See the section “Distinguishing the Present and Future Heavens” in chapter 5, “What Is the Nature of the Present Heaven?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

Session 8

1. *What is your understanding of the age of accountability?*

See the section “Will We Be Reunited with Infants Who Have Died?” in chapter 35, “Will There Be Marriage, Families, and Friendships?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

2. *What can we learn about Heaven from Luke 6:21 and 6:25?*

See the section “Will We Laugh?” in chapter 42, “Will There Be Arts, Entertainment, and Sports?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

3. *To counteract the premise that Heaven will be boring, this statement was made: “Heaven is the happiness of God.” What does this look like to you?*

See chapter 42, “Will Heaven Ever Be Boring?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

4. *Based on 2 Peter 3:10, many believe that the earth will be annihilated. What Scriptures clarify this is NOT how 2 Peter 3:10 is to be best interpreted? How do we know from Scripture that the present day earth will be perfected?*

See the section “Redemption Means Restoration” in chapter 15, “Will the Old Earth Be Destroyed . . . or Renewed?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

5. *Read the following statement: “When a caterpillar passes away, a butterfly emerges.” How did this statement connect with the Heaven study?*

See the section “Burned Up or Refined?” in chapter 15, “Will the Old Earth Be Destroyed . . . or Renewed?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

Session 9

1. *The Bible speaks of fullness of joy. What do you believe about Christian hedonism?*

For more on Christian hedonism, see these resources from Desiring God and Pastor John Piper:

- www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/ask-pastor-john/what-is-christian-hedonism
- www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/articles/christian-hedonism
- www.desiringgod.org/blog/posts/what-is-christian-hedonism

2. *Do you struggle with the concept that God desires to give you rewards? Why or why not? Share a verse that confirms God rewards his children.*

See the section “Do Heaven’s Inhabitants Remember Life on Earth?” from chapter 7, “What Is Life Like in the Present Heaven?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

3. *Look at Luke 12:37. Do you accept the truth that your Creator desires to serve you at the banquet? Why or why not?*

See the section “Will God Serve Us?” from chapter 18, “What Will It Mean for God to Dwell Among Us?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

4. *State some verses that indicate that believers will one day have stewardship over the New Earth. Are these verses an encouragement to you?*

See chapter 21, “Will We Actually Rule with Christ?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

5. *Randy discussed the Lord’s Prayer. Did you learn anything new or different about this prayer of Jesus?*

See the free online resource “The Lord’s Prayer says ‘your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’ What do you think it means to bring Heaven to earth?”: www.epm.org/lords-prayer. See also the section “Heaven Relocated to Earth” from chapter 18, “What Will It Mean for God to Dwell Among Us?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

Session 10

1. *1 Corinthians 6:2-3 states, “The saints will judge the world.” As a believer, is this difficult for you to understand? List three verses that reveal that believers will have positions of authority on the New Earth.*

See the section “Why Are We Surprised That We’ll Rule the Earth?” in chapter 21, “Will We Actually Rule with Christ?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

2. *What makes believers royalty?*

See the section “Will Our Bodies Shine?” in chapter 29, “What Will Our Bodies Be Like?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

3. *In the ancient Hebrew mind how were seas understood? How will the seas be different on the New Earth?*

See the free online resource “How can you say there will be oceans on the New Earth when Rev. 21:1 says something different?” : www.epm.org/oceans-new-earth. See also the section “Will There Be Oceans?” from chapter 27, “Will the New Earth Have Sun, Moon, Oceans, and Weather?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

4. *Even if you are one who does not like living in the city on this present earth, describe the New Jerusalem.*

See chapter 25, “What Will the Great City Be Like?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

5. *Share what your favorite question from the Question/Answer section was, and what you learned.*

Encourage your group to share.

Session 11

1. *What evidence is there that on the New Earth we will be ourselves without the sinfulness of this earth?*

See chapter 28, “Will We Be Ourselves?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

2. *How did Spurgeon’s analogy of grieving the death of a loved one (as sending your children off to bed with the expectation that you would see them in the morning) resonate with you?*

This analogy is found in Randy’s book *We Shall See God* (www.epm.org/wssg), which contains devotional readings on Heaven from Charles Spurgeon:

“But as for those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, we need not fret or trouble ourselves about them. When children go upstairs to bed, do their elder brothers and sisters, who sit up later, gather together and cry because the other children have fallen asleep? Ah, no! They feel that they have not lost them, and they expect to meet again in the morning; and so do we!”

3. *Although speculative, the question of what age will we be in Heaven is an interesting one. What do you think about it and why?*

See the section “Will We All Appear the Same Age?” in chapter 29, “What Will Our Bodies Be Like?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

4. *In Heaven the believer will be free from: the penalty of sin, power of sin; presence of sin. How does this truth encourage you to share the gospel with others?*

See chapter 31, “Will We Be Capable of Sinning?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

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Session 12

1. *What do you think about the only marriage in Heaven being that between Christ and His bride, the Church?*

See the section “Will There Be Marriage and Family?” in chapter 35, “Will There Be Marriage, Families, and Friendships?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

2. *What verses show us God cares for animals?*

See the section “What Does God Show Us about Animals’ Importance?” in chapter 39, “Will Animals Inhabit the New Earth?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book. Group members may also enjoy reading Randy’s blogs on animals at www.epm.org/blog/tag/animals.

3. *What do you learn from Romans 8 about the resurrection of man and animals?*

See the section “How Closely Are Animals Tied to Our Resurrection?” in chapter 40, “Will Animals, Including Our Pets, Live Again?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

4. *Were you inspired by reading about how God delights in the arts and has given gifts to craftsmen?*

See the section “Does God Value Craftsmanship?” in chapter 31, “Will We Be Capable of Sinning?”, of Randy’s *Heaven* book.

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