

HEAVEN

WHO GOES THERE?

PART 2: RETHINKING GOOD

Most people believe in heaven and assume two things: good people go there and they are a good person, or at least, good enough to go. But what is the standard of goodness and how good do you need to be to make the cut? Jesus is the only one in history to answer that question succinctly.

CONNECT

Growing up, were you taught that good people are the ones who go to heaven? If so, explain how it was presented to you, and do you still feel that way?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Jesus is the only one in history to answer the question, “How good is good enough to go to heaven?” with a succinct and clarifying answer—himself. Jesus was and is good enough. And we’ll never be that good enough on our own. We need a Savior.
 - a. How hard or easy is it to believe that you need saving; that you can’t do it on your own?
 - b. How hard or easy is it to believe that Jesus wants you to know and trust him personally; that he’s alive and knowable?
2. Andy says in the video, “There’s nothing you can do to make up for you. There is just a gift to be received. The gift of forgiveness.” Have you ever found yourself trying to earn God’s forgiveness? If forgiveness is a gift we receive, what makes it so difficult for us to simply receive his love and acceptance?
3. In Community Groups, it may be difficult to share that we don’t understand everything being discussed because we don’t want anyone to know we feel “behind.” But these circles are meant to be an authentic, safe place where people can grow because they have truly been seen and known. So be brave. Is there something from the video or your discussion so far that you have a question about? You might find that there are others in your group who feel the same way.
4. Jesus invites us to transfer trust from our own efforts to Jesus’s sacrificial death for our sins. How does transferring our trust change the way we interact with God?



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BEFORE NEXT TIME

Jesus invites us to transfer our trust from our own efforts of chasing “good enough” to trusting in the sacrifice he made for us. We’ve all fallen short and are imperfect, but through Jesus’s death and resurrection, we can have a restored relationship with God.

This week, memorize **2 Corinthians 5:21**, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” Once memorized, reflect on the verse throughout the week and emphasize a different word in the verse each time you reflect on it.

PRAY

Thank God specifically for his forgiveness and that he gave you a way—the way—back to him through Jesus. Ask him to help reveal any ways that you might be putting trust in your own efforts rather than resting in what he’s already done for you.

