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**Study Questions**  
*Life after Death Series*  
**Getting a Glimpse of What is to Come**  
**Rev 21 & 22**  
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### **Opening Discussion**

1. Do you think most Christians spend more time trying to figure out their eschatology (end times theology) or more time trying to formulate a biblical view of Heaven?
2. According to the New Testament writers, should we be more motivated to live like Christ today because of a correct view of Heaven or a correct eschatology? Why?
3. Does a right view of Heaven matter today? In other words, should we just say we'll find out when we get there or does a right view of Heaven change how we live today?

### **Bible Study**

1. Read Hebrews 11:8-16. What motivated these great heroes of the faith? Is that city already prepared or will be prepared (notice verb tense in verse 16)? How does this relate to Jesus' words in John 14:1-6?
2. Read Revelation 21-22:5. List all your observations from this text about the New Heaven and Earth. What do we learn? Notice similarities with Genesis 1-2.
3. How would you answer these questions and defend your answers biblically?
  - a. Will we have bodies in heaven?
  - b. Will we know one another?
  - c. Will we have gender?
  - d. Will we still have our earthly identities (husband, wife, father, friend, etc...)?
  - e. Will there be animals?
  - f. Will we learn?
  - g. Will there be art, music, recreation, etc...?
  - h. Will there be work?
  - i. Will we have desires?
  - j. Will we have emotions?

## **Application**

1. C.S. Lewis once observed, “If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.” Do you think that’s true? Why or why not?
2. How does a right view of heaven affect how you live today? How does understanding that this earth will be redeemed rather than annihilated affect how you treat the earth today?
3. What does it mean to you to begin now establishing a heavenly value system on earth as citizens of Heaven? What does this look like practically?