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Heaven...Is It Possible to Know You're Going to Heaven? Revelation 21:27

Introduction

The more money and education an American has, the less they believe that Jesus is the only way to Heaven! Pastor David brought three intriguing questions deserving more discussion time than you small group may have. Challenge your thinking in order to strengthen your conviction in salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

Question #1 - How do I know I am going to Heaven?

- 1. Using the following verbs, recall the five steps for knowing you are going to Heaven: Trusting (John 3:16) – Understanding (Matthew 5:20, 48) – Believing (John 1:12) – Making (John 3:36; 5:24) – Living (I John 5:13)
- 2. Doing good isn't the <u>justification</u> to get into Heaven, but rather the <u>preparation</u> for rewards in Heaven. Discuss the truth and misconceptions toward this statement. How do Titus 3:5 and 2 Corinthians 5:21 support this statement?
- 3. Share the moment you realized your need for a Savior and made the conscious decision to accept Jesus Christ. How was that moment "just the beginning" of the rest of your eternity?
- 4. Discover the three *greatest words* found in John 19:30. What makes them the *greatest*? If you agree they are the *greatest*, how do they impact your life daily? Connect the truths of 2 Corinthians 5:21 and John 19:30.
- 5. What would you say to one who feels they are relatively young and have many years to be concerned about their eternity?

Question #2 - Isn't "Jesus Only" very exclusive?

- 1. Some believe all religions eventually lead to God. What do you think? How does John 14:6 speak to this belief?
- 2. Some believe God is love, and therefore, admits all people into Heaven. How does Matthew 7:13-14 appear to contradict this belief?
- 3. Why is *truth exclusive by definition*?
- 4. Pastor David said Christ is exclusive, but not unavailable. How is this not contradictory?

Question #3 – What are the tests for truth?

- 1. Recall Pastor David's story of the doctor's conversation with "Moses" and "God," as it relates to what or who will be your authority.
- 2. Why is the distance between your head and heart the greatest distance one can know?
- 3. What difference does knowing you are going to heaven really make in this life? Share a difference it has made in your life?

Conclusion

As you think about the change knowing Christ as your personal Savior has made in your life, never let your testimony be more than twenty-four hours old.