

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. What description of heaven have you heard, whether from movies, books, social media, Sunday school, and/or church?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. We encourage you to watch as a group, the message [recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message. This will refresh our memories and result in richer conversations.
2. Read Revelation 21:9-21. In the Bible, we see imagery, where heaven and earth overlap, allowing God and humans to connect.

On Sunday, we looked at how these images find their fulfilment in the person of Jesus.

- a. How does this view of the church compare with how you've understood and experienced the church?
 - b. What have you been learning about reading Revelation through the lens of the story of Jesus?
3. In recent years, the hope offered by Christianity has often been portrayed as the opportunity for our souls to leave earth and go to heaven when we die.
In Revelation, John sees our final hope as the heavenly kingdom coming down from heaven to earth.
 - a. What about this concept feels new or startling for you?
 - b. How does this idea reframe how we might think about life here on earth?
 - c. What changes should we as Jesus followers consider making, in the way we engage with our community and the physical world around us?
 4. Share with your group one big idea that you learned or impacted you from this message, which you can hold onto this week? How might you put that into practice?

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

For personal contemplation this week:

1. The New Testament envisions us as the new Holy of Holies, in whom God's Spirit dwells.
 - a. To what degree is your life constructed like a temple, a space where God's presence is the defining feature?
 - b. What would it look like to make room in our daily routine for God to inhabit, to form and fill us?