

# Homesick

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## With Him

What is it that makes “paradise” Paradise? Home isn’t home unless someone is there. And Heaven is not Heaven without God. Other people are one of the great joys of Heaven, but the Greatest Thing is not merely “others”, but “The Other”. The heart of Heaven is God Himself.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who is the first person (after Jesus) that you would want to talk with in Heaven? What would you want to talk about?
  2. How would you respond to Sartre’s statement that “Hell is other people” as he means it (ie that it is unbearable for others to know your guilt)? Share and discuss.
  3. If we are all “fully known” in Heaven, then Confession is a rehearsal/preparation for Heaven. Avoiding Confession is a rehearsal/preparation for Hell. What do you think that this means? Discuss.
  4. Do you have any difficulty with the truth that some people will not be in Heaven? Do you see how a perfect, active love could bear that pain without being harmed? Discuss.
  5. Have you ever spent time reflecting on what it will be to finally have God *forever*? Please share and discuss.
  6. Imagine having everything you could possibly want...but never get to see God. Would you choose that? Why or why not? Discuss.
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## God in Real Life

1. This week, orient your life to the East by going to Confession, spending time at Mass or Adoration...and ask the Lord to make you *homesick for Heaven*.
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## To the Heart

“There have been times when I think we do not desire heaven, but more often I find myself wondering whether, in our heart of hearts, we have desired anything else.” ~C.S. Lewis