Homesick

Here and Now...There and Then

Without Heaven (and Hell), life is essentially meaningless and Death wins. The Resurrection proves that Death is not the last word and that the wisest way to live in the "Here and Now" is oriented towards "There and Then". But what will Heaven be like?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is one thing that you believe you will miss when you die? Why? What is one thing that you will *not* miss? Why?
- 2. Does the argument about the necessity of Heaven for life to have meaning make sense? How about the necessity of Heaven *and* Hell? Share and discuss.
- 3. What are some other ways that the people who were living for Heaven made the most difference in this world? Discuss.
- 4. Those who live for the next world can have the most joy now because they do not expect this world to satisfy them. Have there been times in your life when you realize that you were able to enjoy this world more because you knew that this world is not supposed to make you happy? Discuss.
- 5. What is something that you have always thought about Heaven? Does it conform to the Biblical vision of Heaven or has it been formed largely by media? Please share and discuss.
- 6. "Remember your death" is great advice to remind us that we have *already* died and we can live for Jesus now. Do you find yourself following Jesus to avoid Hell or to live with Him forever in Heaven? Discuss.

God in Real Life

I. This week, remember your death.

To the Heart

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God." (Romans 8:18-21)