

# Wednesday Night Teen Small Group: Teacher Guide

## Security of the Saved #5

### Discussion Guide

#### **Meet Back for Worship at 7:45**

#### **Peaks and Valleys**

- What is a peak of your week (good thing; how did you see God working in your life this week) what is a valley of your week (a struggle or difficulty)

#### **Prayer**

- Prayer Requests?
- Pray together.

#### **Lesson**

1. **REVIEW:** What are some things you've learned about in these few weeks about salvation and grace?
  - a. Answers may include...
    - i. salvation is deliverance from sin and its consequences
    - ii. We are saved by grace and can do nothing to earn it.
    - iii. Grace is God's unearned and undeserved kindness.
    - iv. Grace is when God gives us something we don't deserve.
2. **REVIEW:** Why is salvation important?
  - a. Answers may include: It allows us to focus on doing good for others to help them learn about God instead of us always worrying about doing good things so we can get to heaven.
    - i. In other words, we are working to help others instead of working for ourselves to get to heaven.
3. **REVIEW:** What 4 ways does God forgive?
  - a. Completely, Repeatedly, Instantly, and Freely
4. **SAY:** We have discussed a lot about salvation this past month, and today we are going to discuss a bit about heaven.
5. **ASK:** When you think about heaven, what comes to mind?
6. **READ:** John 14:1-3
  - a. **ASK:** What does this verse say to you?
7. **READ:** Philippians 3:20
  - a. **ASK:** What is Paul trying to get us to understand about our "citizenship?"
8. **SAY:** In scripture, we learn a lot about heaven (actually...everything we know about heaven is from scripture). In verses, we learn that heaven is a place of reward, heaven is a place of reunion, and heaven is a place of righteousness.)

#### **HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF REWARD**

9. **READ:** Mathew 5: 12.
  - a. **ASK:** What does this verse say to you?
    - i. Heaven is a place of reward

10. **SAY:** We need to understand that every deed done in the name of Jesus will be blessed and rewarded in Heaven. Men may not see the value of your service, but rest assured that Jesus takes perfect note and that he will reward you for your sacrifice for him.
11. **ASK:** Many times people don't see what we do- isn't it comforting, encouraging, and rewarding that God does? How does knowing this effect your life?
12. **ASK:** When we do good deeds in Jesus' name, should we tell everyone about it?
13. **READ:** Mathew 6: 1-4.
- ASK:** What does the verse say to you about doing good deeds for others?
  - ASK:** Why would it say this?
    - Answers may include: So we do the deeds to genuinely glorify God and help others rather than doing deeds so that we "make a good name for ourselves."
14. **ASK:** What are some good deeds we can do for others in Jesus' name?
15. **READ:** Mathew 25:34-40
16. **SAY:** God is so awesome and loving that he would not only give us heaven (something that we don't deserve and can do nothing to obtain) but he also gives us rewards on top of that!

### HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF REUNION

17. **SAY:** Home (for many) is a great word. It is a comforting word. Home is a place of rest, peace, and happiness. Heaven is referred to as your home.
18. **ASK:** How will heaven be a different home from our current home.
- Answers May Include:** It will be free from sorrow, pain, disappointment, pain, selfishness, etc.
  - SAY:** Heaven will be a home where love reigns supreme.
19. **READ:** Revelation 21:4
- ASK:** What about this passage makes heaven so attractive to us living here on earth?
20. **ASK:** Do you think we will know each other in heaven?
- SAY:** Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob maintained both their names and their identity (Mat. 8:11)

### HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF RHITEOUSNESS

21. **ASK:** Has there ever been a place you've been afraid to go to because of the evil that was there or because you felt awkward, weird, or unwelcomed?
- In my opinion, that is what HELL is going to be like. It is a place full of unwelcoming people. People of evil, anger, and sadness.
  - Heaven on the other hand is a place where there is no bad.
22. **Re-READ:** Revelation 21:4

### CLOSING

23. **ASK:** Has anyone ever seen heaven?
- Abraham saw the city and basically said that, "It's worth it. It's worth leaving home and family. It's worth being a stranger and a pilgrim. It's worth hardship and pain. Heaven is surely worth it all."
  - Simon Peter caught a glimpse and basically said, "It's worth it! It's worth a total change of my life. It's worth the hardship I have endured. It's worth more than my very life. Heaven is surely worth it all."

- c. John saw the city and he basically said, “It’s worth it! It’s worth being exiled from home, family, and friends. It’s worth the loneliness on Earth, the pain, the suffering, and the high cost I have been called to pay. I have seen the city , and Heaven will surely be worth it all!”
  - d. Paul saw heaven and it strengthened him as he faced many trials, being imprisoned, and being killed.
24. **SAY:** The fact is that we don’t have a lot of information about heaven. The Bible gives us just enough info to “wet our appetites” for the city. Isn’t it awesome that even though we don’t know much about it, that every child of God wants to go there and has a desire to do so?
25. **SAY:** I want to encourage you right now to...**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be baptized and walk in the light of God’s truth, accept his grace, and enjoy the Glory of His presence forever in the place called heaven...where we will know for a certainty that Heaven is surely worth it all.**

**Closing Prayer**

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