

## **Heaven Matters Because It Is Our Eternal Home!**

### **Heaven Matters, Pt.1**

John 14:1-7

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**John 14:1**, Jesus said “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”

### **Heaven Matters Because...**

#### **1. Our FAITH Enables Us To Thrive Today!**

**John 14:1**, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me.”

**Hebrews 11:1**, Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

- We Can Ask Anything In Jesus’ NAME  
(John 14:14)
- We Have An ADVOCATE With The Father  
(John 14:25-27)

#### **2. Our FUTURE Place Is Being Prepared!**

**John 14:2**, My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I

will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**, ... He has also set eternity in the human heart.

- Heaven Is That PERFECT Place  
(1 Corinthians 2:9)
- Heaven Contains Our Final INHERITANCE  
(1 Peter 1:3-4)

#### **3. Our PATH Is Very Clear!**

**John 14:4**, You know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

**John 3:16**, For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

### **Cottonwood Creek Challenge:**

- Reflect on John 14:1-7
- Make a list of your top troubles, fears and worries, then put John 14:1-7 into practice. Trust God and remember your troubles pale in comparison to heaven.
- Ask others what they think about heaven. Talk about heaven with your family, your friends and co-workers. See if it raises questions or begins a broader conversation.
- Pray about heaven like it matters, “Jesus, I know that You have prepared a place for me in heaven and I believe in You. Help me take as many other people to heaven with me as I can.”