SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Is there anything about your concept of Heaven that does not match the descriptions the Scriptures give us? If so what are they and what truths about Heaven do you need to replace them with?
- We need to spend our lives cultivating our love for Heaven. We need to meditate on what Scripture says about it. How often do you think about it? How often do you talk about it?
- What situations in life can you seize as opportunities to point friends, your children to the hope of heaven? What signposts do we see around us that point us to the New Earth?
- Life is full of pain and suffering, but does this mean that the Christian life be marked by pessimism and despair? (Read Luke 6:22-23; Colossians 1:24; James 1:2; I Peter 4:13)
- It's the assurance of the hope of heaven that releases the radical, risk-taking love that makes people look at your life and "ask a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15) What areas of your life is God awakening your realization that you are living for this life and not the life to come? What kind of investments can you make in this life that will reap great reward in the next life?
- Are you going to enjoy the glories of Heaven? If not, why would you not come? What reason could be good enough to turn away from Jesus and from eternal life in the New Heaven and New Earth? Have you confessed your sins? Asked Christ to forgive you? Placed your trust in Christ's death and resurrection on your behalf? Asked Jesus to be your Lord and empower you to follow him? You can accept God's offer of salvation today!