

Small Group Leader Notes for the week of 11/4

Jesus Is Coming Soon! - Revelation 22:7-21

Memory Verse: Revelation 22:12

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."

Weekly Reading:

Day 1	Matthew 7:14
Day 2	Revelation 6
Day 3	Acts 4:12
Day 4	John 14:6
Day 5	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Study Questions:

1. Randy Alcorn says in his book *Heaven*, "For every American who believes he is going to Hell, 120 people believe they're going to Heaven." How does this statistic concern you in light of Matthew 7:14?

If people think they are going to Heaven apart from knowing Christ and the narrow road then they will not seek God. This moves me to even more want to share the gospel truth.

2. What are some of the reasons you hear as to why people deserve to go to Heaven? Compare those reasons to the truth found in Acts 4:12 and John 14:6.

Most people almost always reflect back on the good things they have done in their lives. Almost always it is in comparison to the worst of people. Almost always it is an assumption that God sends everyone except the really bad people to Heaven. The Truth is that it is only through Jesus Christ that I can be saved from my sins and go to the Father in Heaven!

3. Why do you think Jesus talked more about Hell than anyone else in the Bible?

Jesus was not seeker sensitive in His message. He wanted us to know that apart from Him we are doomed to Hell for our lives that fall short of the glory of God. Yet He gave us the way to Heaven, Himself. I think we often try to make people feel good about what they hear by ignoring the truth about our sins and the punishment of Hell.

4. Who do you know that God may be nudging you to speak to about Heaven and Hell and their eternal destiny?

Let people share whom God is placing on their hearts to pray for and approach with the gospel. Let this prayer list continue for the coming weeks and look for God to answer the prayers of His people.

5. The final question in the small book is "how can we know for sure that we will go to Heaven?" Review the small handbook, page 54-59, and discuss this question.

Group Leaders; know for sure that everyone in your group believes the promise of forgiveness and the assurance of Heaven in their heart. A few weeks ago, an older lady in our church who has been coming to EVC for way more years than I have, came forward to pray with me so that she would know for sure that her name is written in the book of life. Leaders, don't ever be deceived that just because someone goes to church or to small group every week that he/she has received God's forgiveness and believed in His promises. Give people an opportunity to respond.