What Happens When I Die...

Personal Study Guide

Reading Plan Introduction

As we take a deeper look into some of the questions asked last summer regarding what happens when we die, it's important to understand how those questions (and their answers) are woven into the broader narrative of God's restorative and redemptive plan for all creation. With that in mind, our reading plans over the next few weeks will prayerfully broaden our understanding of judgment, heaven, hell, and other topics by anchoring our hope that God's Kingdom will reunite heaven and earth through Jesus.

Week #1 (Week of April 23rd)

This week's study was developed by The Bible Project, and can also be found at: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/heaven-and-earth/.

Watch the <u>Heaven and Earth video</u> from The Bible Project and answer the questions below.

- The garden of Eden was the first place where God's space and humanity's space were one. Read **Genesis 3** and consider how these two spaces were driven apart.
- God wants to live with his people, so he made a place (tabernacle/temple) and a practice (animal sacrifice) for humans to be forgiven so that God's space and humanity's space could once again overlap. Explore these ideas as you read **Psalm 65:1-4** and **Leviticus** 4:34-35.

- 3. With all the above in mind, compare/contrast any significant details you notice about Jesus' dwelling, or "tabernacling," on Earth (see **John 1:14**) and Jesus being called the Lamb of God (see **John 1:29** and **Revelation 5:1-12**).
- 4. **Revelation 21** tells us that one day God's space and humanity's space will completely overlap. As you read Revelation 21, how does the author describe the tabernacle and the Lamb?