

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Who Do You Think You Are?

Week 2: We Are Citizens
Hebrews 11:13-16

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One of our most desperate needs is to discover our true, God-given identity. Once we realize who we are made to be *in Christ*, it revolutionizes our lives. This week we're learning all about how as believers, we are citizens of Heaven.

Kicking Off:

One important duty of being a citizen is to vote. If you were running for president, what would your campaign slogan be?

Discussion:

1. In Philippians 3:19b-20a, Paul compares those who are “enemies” (v.18) of Christ vs. Christ-followers. Where do you think heavenly citizens traveling through life should focus their attention? What can they do to help promote their true home in Heaven?

“Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.” (NIV)

2. Read Hebrews 11:13 and 16. What stands out to you about the faith-journey of Sarah and Abraham, based on these verses, combined with what you learned from this week's message?

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ... Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.” (NIV)

3. Think about some different values where having a kingdom-minded way of life matters. In your world, where do you see believers differ the most from the prevailing culture? Where are they similar

Sexual ethic	Relational goals	Substance usage	Time management
Finances	Quality entertainment	Parenting style	Appropriate language

4. Jeff shared a story about offering a prayer at a wedding reception. Recall a time when you felt like a stranger in a foreign land, operating differently from the world. If you had to follow your own best advice, how would you encourage someone who's facing challenges “swimming upstream” against the culture?

5. Read Revelation 21:3b-4a, where John describes a vision the Lord gave him about Heaven. How do these verses encourage you to remember that this world is not your home, and that God has something far greater in store for His church?

“They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain ...” (NIV)

Wrapping Up:

What would your world look like if you embraced the idea that your citizenship is in Heaven? How can your group pray for you to live with joy and growing excitement, longing for what's to come?