

# Week #3: The Promise of Eternity

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2 Samuel 7:12-13 (VOICE)

**Jesus:** Don't get lost in despair; believe in God, and keep on believing in Me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. <sup>3</sup> I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together.

John 14:1-3 (VOICE)

Eternity can be \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Colossians 3:1-3 (VOICE)

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10 (CSB)

• Eternity changes our \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Hebrews 12:2 (MSG)

In light of eternity:

- What do you want to \_\_\_\_\_?
- What do you need to \_\_\_\_\_?
- How will you \_\_\_\_\_God's love?

Our promise for the future changes our posture today.

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What is the way you want to practice Heaven this month? How will you do that?
- 2. How does the promise of eternity change your posture today?
- 3. What is something you want to release, receive, or reveal?

### **Recommended Resources**

- The Hope of Heaven: How the Promise of Eternity Changes Everything, by Sheila Walsh
- The Theology of Heaven. Sermon by John Mark Comer
- Promises Made Promises Kept: A Family Devotional for Christmas by Marty Machowski
- Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ, by Tim Keller
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