## "Maybe it Doesn't Mean What I Think It Means" Heaven

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Are you intrigued or conflicted by reports of near death experiences?

What is your picture of heaven?

What does it to your head to think that there are different views of heaven?

Do you think God invites us to discuss and debate the big questions about doctrine and the Bible?

What were the hopes and dreams of the Old Testament prophets (Isaiah 2:2-11; 9:2-7; 11:6-9; 25:6)?

How is Jesus the fulfillment of those hopes and dreams?

What attitudes and actions don't fit the "kingdom of heaven"?

Read Matthew 4:17, 19:28; 13:24; 13:31; 13:33; 13:44; 13:45; 13:47; 13:52; 18:23; 20:1; 22:2; 25:14.

What is the tense of the verb used by Jesus? What does that tense tell us about heaven?

What is Jesus' prayer in Matthew 6:10?

"Kingdom" is a political word.

What kingdoms are Jesus contrasting? What are the differences in the two kingdoms? How do you describe "heaven" based on this prayer?

If Jesus consistently focused on heaven for today why do we so emphasize heaven after we die?

Read Matthew 19:16 and Luke 10:25.

What do the questioners have in mind with their question?

What might Jesus mean by the term "eternal life"?

What does "eternal life" mean to you?

"Eternal life" is from a Greek word "aion" which means a period of time or a quality of life.

What kind of life is made available to us? What is the connection between our understanding of heaven and how we live our lives?