



# CORNERSTONE GROUPLIFE

## Sunday Recap:

Songs We Sang: ([click the links to listen on YouTube](#))

[Rising](#)

[Worthy Of Your Name](#)

[The Lord Our God](#)

[Lamb Of God](#)

[This I Believe](#)

[O Praise The Name \(Anástasis\)](#)

## Conversation Starters:

What does the word home mean to you? What kind of thoughts, pictures, memories, or feelings does that word evoke?

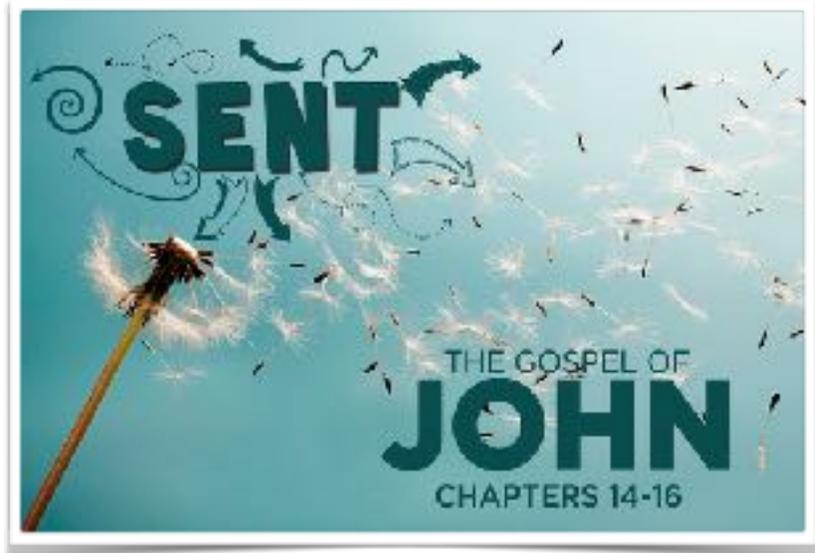
What did you grow up thinking heaven was like? Where did those ideas come from?

When trouble comes your way, where do you find your hope? Practically? No Sunday School answers here.

Bonus: Which sport is better NFL or CFL and why?

## Next Week

Matt will be preaching on: Sent With Salvation (John 14:4-6)



## Sermon

We are currently in a series called 'Sent' based on The Gospel of John chapters 13-16 where Jesus has some very important last conversations with his disciples before his death and resurrection. In some ways these were his final words and instructions to them. This past Sunday Kevin preached on John 14:1-3 where Jesus talks about preparing a place in the future for his followers.

### *What was it about?*

Jesus is with his disciples in the upper room, knowing what is not only ahead of him, but what will be ahead of them as well. He knew that although they were not quite ready to follow him in death, that one day they would, and along the way they were going to face great persecution. So he let them in on a really important fact. By Jesus going to the cross, he was preparing a place for them in the future Kingdom where they will join him in his father's home.



## Prayer

Pray for gospel renewal and reveal in Cornerstone and across Niagara.

Pray for Doug & Deanna Hiebert who are serving in Burundi.

Pray for Pastors Kevin & Matt who are travelling to Burundi from January 22 – February 2

Pray for our work in our global community in Thailand, Burundi and Eastern Congo.

## Action Steps:

Plan to invite friends, family members or neighbours who need to experience 'home' from a Jesus-centred perspective over for a meal this week.

How can your group serve those who are homeless and bring the hope of heaven this year? Plan a time to connect and volunteer with a local organization that serves people who are homeless.

Who are the seniors in your life or connected with Cornerstone that need a visit and need reminding of the hope of heaven? How can you be an encouragement with those who are in their last years?

## Questions:

1. Why is the idea of 'home' a powerful one? Why do humans have a deep longing for home? What is the hope in the promise of Jesus in these verses?
2. How does the hope that Jesus promises of 'home' tie into the Creation story? How does it tie into the overarching story of the bible?
3. Psychologists say that experiencing homelessness early in life is physiologically devastating. What are the effects of experiencing spiritual homelessness? How do you see that played out in people's lives?
4. Someone once said don't be so heavenly minded that you're no earthy good. How should the gospel and the hope of heaven actually equip us to be of immeasurable earthy good?
5. How do we know for sure that we will experience this hope of a heavenly loving home with God? How do we get home? Pastor Kevin said, "how do you get there? Through Hell, but not for you." What did he mean by that?
6. Paul taunts death in 1 Corinthians 15:55, "Where O Death is your victory? Where O Death where is your sting?" What would it take for you to be able to live that way? Does death scare you? Why or why not?
7. What fears do you need to overcome to follow Jesus fully?

