

DISCUSSION GUIDE

# Gospel Communities

May 24, 2020

GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH



# *Heavenly Persuasion*

Hebrews 11:13-16

Check in with one another. How has it been going? How are you physically, emotionally, and spiritually?

Read Revelation 21:1-41.

Have you ever considered the reality of the "new earth" being where we will live forever? How does this change your view of heaven / eternity?

Read Hebrews 11:13-16

2. Jonathan described our eternal dwelling place from Hebrews 11 as being a homeland, a country, and a city. Is this new to your thinking of heaven? How does this help you set your minds on things that are above?

3. Have you acknowledged and made it clear that you are a stranger and an exile on this earth, seeking a better earth? Or have you settled and embraced this earth? Elaborate - how could this change or improve? Can you share times where you really have desired a "better country?"

4. Similarly, do you find your mind set on this earth, or the earth to come? If your mind is set on the new earth, share what you do to keep focus. (Leaders, recall Colossians 3:1-4, Romans 12:2).

5. Larry Crabb poses the question: "Are you living between your birth and your death, or between the cross and the coming?" Where are you living? How would this perspective change the way you currently live?

6. Hebrews 11:16 says that God is not ashamed to be called our God. In the deepest part of you, do you fully believe that he is not ashamed of you? What would change if you embraced this truth that He is proud to be called YOUR God? (Jonathan said, "We claim Him, and He loves it. He proves it by the rest of the verse - 'for He has prepared for them a city' ").

Pray together! Ask the group to share in one word how the group can pray for each other. Maybe this will draw some questions out from the one word presented by each person. Let the Spirit lead and then pray together.