



Week One | We've Got Work to Do | 03.06-07.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Even though this world isn't how we think it should be, there was a day when there was no pain and no problems, and it will be that way again one day. But, the good news is, heaven isn't just where you are going, it's also what you can bring here now! So let's learn how to bring heaven here.

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: As a kid, how did you picture heaven?
- Digging Deeper: How has your image of heaven shifted over time?

» Observation | Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; 28:18-20 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Experience Heaven by Focusing on the Sower (12 minutes)

- How do you know if you are rooted in the right place?

» We Live with Enemies Here and Now | Reference Matthew 13:24-27, 37-39 (12 minutes)

- What kinds of people are most difficult and distracting for you? What are some things that happen when we focus on distractions?
- What are some of the weeds that might sneak up in our lives that are harder to detect?

» There's an End Game | Reference Matthew 13:28-30,40-43 (12 minutes)

- What distracts you from the mission Jesus calls you to? What happens when you choose to focus on Jesus instead?

» We Have a Mission | Reference Matthew 28:18-20 (12 minutes)

- Who around you needs the hope of Jesus here and now? How can you share that with them?
- How can we become people that live out the long game?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- Where do you need to refocus your attention today?
- Close by praying for each other to practice shifting their focus from the distractions to Jesus.