



# (Re)Imagine Heaven

*Week 5 | Ruling with Christ | Teacher: Libin Abrahm  
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## OPENER

Most people imagine heaven as a place of rest, comfort, and relief from pain and Scripture certainly promises those things. However, many of us have a much smaller vision of eternity than the Bible actually gives. This sermon expands that vision by showing that heaven is not simply an escape from responsibility, but an invitation into greater purpose. From Genesis to Revelation, God's plan has always included humanity reigning under His authority and partnering with Him in His Kingdom. The message reminds us that eternity is not passive or boring. God is preparing His people now for a future where we will reign with Christ in a redeemed creation forever.

## MAIN POINTS

### **1. We Were Created to Rule Under God**

From the beginning, humanity was created in God's image to rule, cultivate, and steward creation under His authority. Adam and Eve were given meaningful responsibility, reflecting God's character as they cared for the earth. However, sin corrupted humanity's relationship with power, turning leadership into selfishness, pride, and abuse. Even so, God never abandoned His original design for humanity. Through redemption in Christ, God is restoring people not only to relationship with Him, but also to their original calling to reign with Him.

### **2. Jesus Came to Rule the Earth Along With His Saints**

The prophets foretold that the Messiah would establish an everlasting Kingdom that would ultimately overcome every earthly kingdom. Jesus inaugurated that Kingdom through His first coming, and one day He will fully establish it across the earth. Remarkably, Scripture teaches that believers are not merely citizens in this Kingdom, but they are co-heirs who will reign with Christ. Passages from Daniel and Revelation reveal that God's people will share in His rule over a renewed creation. This future identity gives believers dignity, purpose, and hope even now.

### **3. Ruling in God's Kingdom Looks Like Serving Like Jesus**

Jesus completely redefined what leadership and greatness look like in His Kingdom. While earthly kingdoms often operate through domination, status, and control, Jesus taught that greatness comes through humility and service. To reign with Christ means

becoming like Christ, the One who served others sacrificially. God's Kingdom honors the meek, the faithful, the humble, and those who quietly serve without recognition. The people the world often overlooks are the very people God delights to entrust with eternal responsibility.

#### **4. Our Life Now Is a Preview for the Eternal Kingdom**

The way we live today matters because it prepares us for eternity. Jesus' parable of the minas teaches that faithfulness with present responsibilities is connected to future Kingdom responsibility. God has entrusted each believer with opportunities, influence, gifts, and resources that are meant to be stewarded faithfully. Even ordinary choices and daily acts of obedience are shaping who we are becoming for eternity. Our current lives are not separate from eternity, but they are training grounds for reigning with Christ in the future Kingdom.

### **ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP**

- What part of this message most expanded or challenged your view of heaven and eternity?
- Why do you think many Christians have a smaller or more passive picture of heaven than Scripture describes?
- The sermon teaches that humanity was created to rule under God. What do you think healthy, God-honoring leadership and stewardship should look like today?
- Jesus says greatness in His Kingdom comes through serving. Why is servant leadership often difficult in our culture and even in our own hearts?
- The sermon emphasized that faithfulness in small things prepares us for greater responsibility later. What are some "small things" God may be asking you to steward faithfully right now?
- How does the promise of reigning with Christ affect the way you think about your current struggles, work, or sacrifices?
- What is one practical way you can live this week as a "preview" of God's future Kingdom?

### **BOTTOM LINE**

***God did not merely save us to escape the world—He saved us to reign with Christ in His eternal Kingdom, and our faithfulness today is preparing us for that future.***