

Heavenly Home by Lisa Heaton

6/15/23 Gathering

Reminders:

- Please read and consider our discussion questions on your own prior to the Gathering on Thursday.
- Bring your Bible and a copy of these questions with you on Thursday night to aid in your participation.
- If you would like to have the assignment delivered to your inbox each week, sign up for my [Updates](#).
- Follow our Daybreak Gathering channel on Telegram to keep up to date. Search for @DaybreakGathering on your Telegram app.

Questions

Earthly Vision

One massive distraction from us preparing our hearts for our King is our tendency to focus more on the rising darkness of this world, in the form of gloom and doom videos, than on the soon-coming Light.

- 1) Is this an area where you have struggled, having more earthly vision than heavenly vision?
- 2) How can we balance being apprised of what's going on with keeping our eyes on fixed on Jesus?

Face to Face

There will come a day when we all meet Jesus. We talk about it. We long for it, but are we really ready?

- 1) Does the prospect of meeting Jesus face to face bring you joy or anxiety?
- 2) Does the enemy taunt you with fears that you will face the displeasure of the Lord?
- 3) How can Jesus' words in John 19:30, "It is finished!", bring you comfort and combat the taunts of the enemy?
- 4) Do you feel you can kneel before your King knowing you have given him your all?

Escape Hatch

When we hear some believers say they can't wait for the rapture, it's not a stretch to think that maybe they want out of this dark world more than they long to be with Jesus. Clearly, some of us want both to escape and to be with Jesus. I think for us all, it's a good exercise to dig deep and ask ourselves the question:

- 1) Why are you excited for the rapture, to get out of this world or to be with Jesus?
- 2) Some Christians don't have a longing to be with Jesus because they don't know Him intimately. Do you have believers in your life who exhibit this truth?
- 3) How can time in and with *the* Word foster an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus that creates a longing to be with Him?

Prepare the Way

Back in ancient times, when a king was planning to travel to a city, workers would be sent ahead of him to prepare the way by removing road objects like downed trees and rocks to make for the king's smooth journey.

- 1) Read Matthew 3:1-3. How can this ancient activity be compared to our current call to reach the lost for Jesus?
- 2) In what ways can we apply this principle to our own heart preparations?

Anxiety Driven

In the article, I admitted my topple over the edge from wise preparations to overboard provisions when I thought I needed to provide for many others. The pastors and teachers who were doing the warning had every reason to warn. Based on what we were all seeing, I believe I had every reason for concern. Still, my taking on the responsibility for "everyone" was representative of a heart lacking trust in God to supply all our needs (Philippians 4:19).

- 1) How have the activities of the enemy these past few years affected your anxiety level?
- 2) Have you allowed the news to prompt you to anxiety-driven activities?
- 3) When we try and take on God's role in the lives of others, how can that be a hindrance to them? How can it negatively affect our level of peace?

Course Correction

When I finally saw some of my preparations for what they were, anxiety driven, I knew I had a trust issue that needed to be addressed. Based on what we knew at the time, my fear was that everything was about to fall apart—and rightly so. What I didn't take into consideration was that the restrainer is

doing His job well. Nothing will happen without God's allowance. Just because "they" want to doesn't mean they get to.

- 1) Are there areas in your life where you have "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" issues (Proverbs 3:5-6)?
- 2) In what ways do you see the restrainer holding back many impending catastrophes?
- 3) Read Romans 8:28. When we make a misstep, how can He work our blunders for our good?

Spring Cleaning

Could this have been our last spring before we move to our heavenly home? I wonder. I hope. That possibility, that we might really see Jesus face to face soon, makes dust bunnies a greater priority these days and the need for a little spring cleaning due.

- 1) Whether it be a shred of doubt, a moment of apathy, or a selfish motive, what enemy-inspired attitude or bad-itude do you have lingering around, corrupting your spiritual home?
- 2) Read Joshua 3:5. How is our consecration (being set apart from this world) a timely priority as we wait for the wonderFULL rapture?
- 3) Discuss how Joshua 3:13 (not part then step, but step then part) can serve as an example of how we must stand firm now as we wait for the waters of the rapture to part, such as in our faith, boldness, or witness.