



# CONNECTION GROUPS

## CULTURAL COLLISION DANIEL 12

The Book of Daniel ends by pointing us to eternity in Daniel 12:1-3. What truths do we learn from this passage? Why is it important to talk about eternity (See 2 Corinthians 5:18)? Why can it be difficult to talk about eternity?

Based on Daniel 12:1-3, the soul exists for eternity. The Bible invites us to experience “everlasting life” in Jesus. See if your group can tell that bible’s grand story that invites us into everlasting life. Use the following words as themes to this story: Creation, Image Bearers of God, Fall/Sin, God pursues, Jesus dies & resurrects, God reconciles, God renews/restores all things.

Daniel 12:1-3 points to the resurrection. Thanks to the resurrection, God’s people experience eternal life with him. We call this heaven. Based on Sunday, can you recall why the Jews spoke of three heavens (2 Corinthians 12:2)? Based on Luke 23:43, where did the thief spend eternity? Notice in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 the word third heaven vs.2, is used interchangeably with the word paradise (vs.4). Why is it important to know the (thief’s) paradise is the same as the third haven?

If someone trusts in Christ for “Everlasting life” it is important to know how secure that life will be. What promises are made for believers in the following verses? 1 John 5:12, Romans 5:10, Hebrews 10:12,14, 2 Cor 5:21, John 10:28, Romans 8:28,38-39