

1) What's the trickiest question you've been asked recently?

2) What one thing from Rich's message on Sunday do you hope to talk about with your Small Group and why?

3) The second half of the message on Sunday looked at aspects of life in eternity with God. Christians sometimes describe this as being 'in heaven', but actually the Bible teaches that God will create a physical 'new heaven and a new earth' [2 Peter 3v13, Rev 21v1]

a) What do you think our future eternal life with God will be like?

b) i) What do the following verses tell you about life in the new heaven and new earth?

Psalm 16v11

1 Corinthians 15v42-44 (The 'spiritual body' here does not mean 'non-physical,' but fit for life in eternity – just like Jesus' physical resurrection body)

Jude 1v24

Revelation 21v3-4

Revelation 21v22-27

ii) How do they help you to think more accurately about eternity with God?

c) How do the following verses tell us to think and live in light of our future eternal life?

Matt 6v19-21

2 Corinthians 4v16-18

2 Peter 3v11-13

d) How do you think a greater focus on your future eternal life might help you live more whole heartedly for God? What could you do to make this happen?

4) Digging Deeper Question – for those who want to study a bit extra

Read [Isaiah 65v17-25](#)

- a) *In this poem, how does Isaiah describe the new heaven and new earth that God will create?*
- b) *Which parts of the description should we take literally and which are symbolic? How did you decide?*
- c) *Why do you think Jerusalem features in the poem and what is its significance?*
- d) *Does this poem teach the new heaven and the new earth go on forever and how does that compare to passages in the New Testament?*
- e) *What feelings does this poem create in you? Why?*
- f) *What response is appropriate from you having studied this poem?*

Please Pray:

Together @ Plumpton is less than two weeks away! Please pray for a great time away together and that the relationships between our family of churches will be strengthened. Pray that we will really encounter God in a powerful way and that lives will be changed as a result.

Please continue to pray for the **Freedom in Christ Course** that Jack is running on Wednesday evenings. Jeff will be speaking on forgiveness this week - pray that people will be set free from issues of unforgiveness that are holding them back.

The **Parenting Course** starts on Wednesday **13th June @ 8pm**. Please pray for lots of people to book in and that it would be a really successful course. Pray for Diane and Michel Larribeau who are running it; that God will give them wisdom to lead and that it will run smoothly.

Please pray for the **Government**. Wherever you stand politically please pray that the leaders of our country will make wise decisions.

Notices:

Prayer Evening on Sunday 3rd June. Please join us as we seek to meet with God.

Together @ Plumpton: 6th - 10th June. It's less than two weeks away! If you haven't already booked you need to as soon as possible as you will not be able to turn up and pay when you arrive, you need to be booked in for safety reasons.

The **Parenting Course** starts on Wednesday **13th June @ 8pm**. It will be four evenings of practical help and encouragement and is designed to help you give your child the best possible start in life. It will cost £20 for the course. Please speak to Diane or Michel Larribeau for more details and to book in.

Movement - Men's Event 2012 with PJ Smyth. **Friday 13th - Saturday 14th July**. The event will commence at 10.30am on the Friday and run through till the late afternoon of the Saturday. Tickets cost £30 for a day or £35 for both days. Book in online at [**www.movementevent.com**](http://www.movementevent.com).