

## SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Heaven is not like earth.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 22:23-33

Romans 8:18-21

Revelation 21:1-27

John 20:24-31

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Matthew 6:9-13

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Matthew 22:23-33** -How would you describe the Sadducees' view on women and marriage?

**Romans 8:18-21** -What caused the sufferings and frustration described in this passage?

Describe the bondage and decay. How would that contrast to the state of freedom?

**Revelation 21:1-27** -What is the author's intent in describing a city of precious jewels?

Verse 4 - What does the author mean by "the old order of things has passed away"?

Verse 27 - What are the implications on the inhabitants of the city by the statement, "nothing impure will ever enter it"?

**John 20:24-31** -Why did Jesus specifically present Himself to Thomas?

**1 Corinthians 15:35-58** -How does the form of a seed differ from the form of the plant from which it comes?

What does Paul say about personhood in heaven?

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18** -How does the presence of the Holy Spirit bring freedom to people?

What is the veil that is lifted from us by the Spirit?

When/how does the transformation process begin?

**Matthew 6:9-13** -How does life on earth start to resemble life in heaven?

### PRAYER FOCUS:

Power through the Spirit to break down barriers to love

Good stewardship of our earthly bodies

Help from the Holy Spirit to free our lives

Strength to live on earth as if we were in heaven

## FAMILY RESOURCES:

**Big Idea:** Heaven is not like earth.

### READ MATTHEW 22:23

Why do you ask a question?

What's the biggest question you have?

Draw a ? and then make it into a worm.

### READ MATTHEW 22:24-28

The Sadducees thought that heaven would be just like earth.

What do you think heaven will be like?

### READ MATTHEW 22:29-30

Who are you going to be like?

What do you know about angels?

### READ MATTHEW 22:31-33

What did you learn about the Sadducees from verse 23?

Why do you think they asked Jesus this question?

Why were the people amazed?

Make a picture of a Sadducee.

Be sure to make him sad and include a U and a C.

Why do you think he is sad?

### READ REVELATION 21:1-7

What will heaven be like?

What is your favorite thing about heaven?

### READ REVELATION 21:22-22:5

How will heaven be different from earth?

Have a slumber party and try to stay up all night.

### MEMORY VERSE:

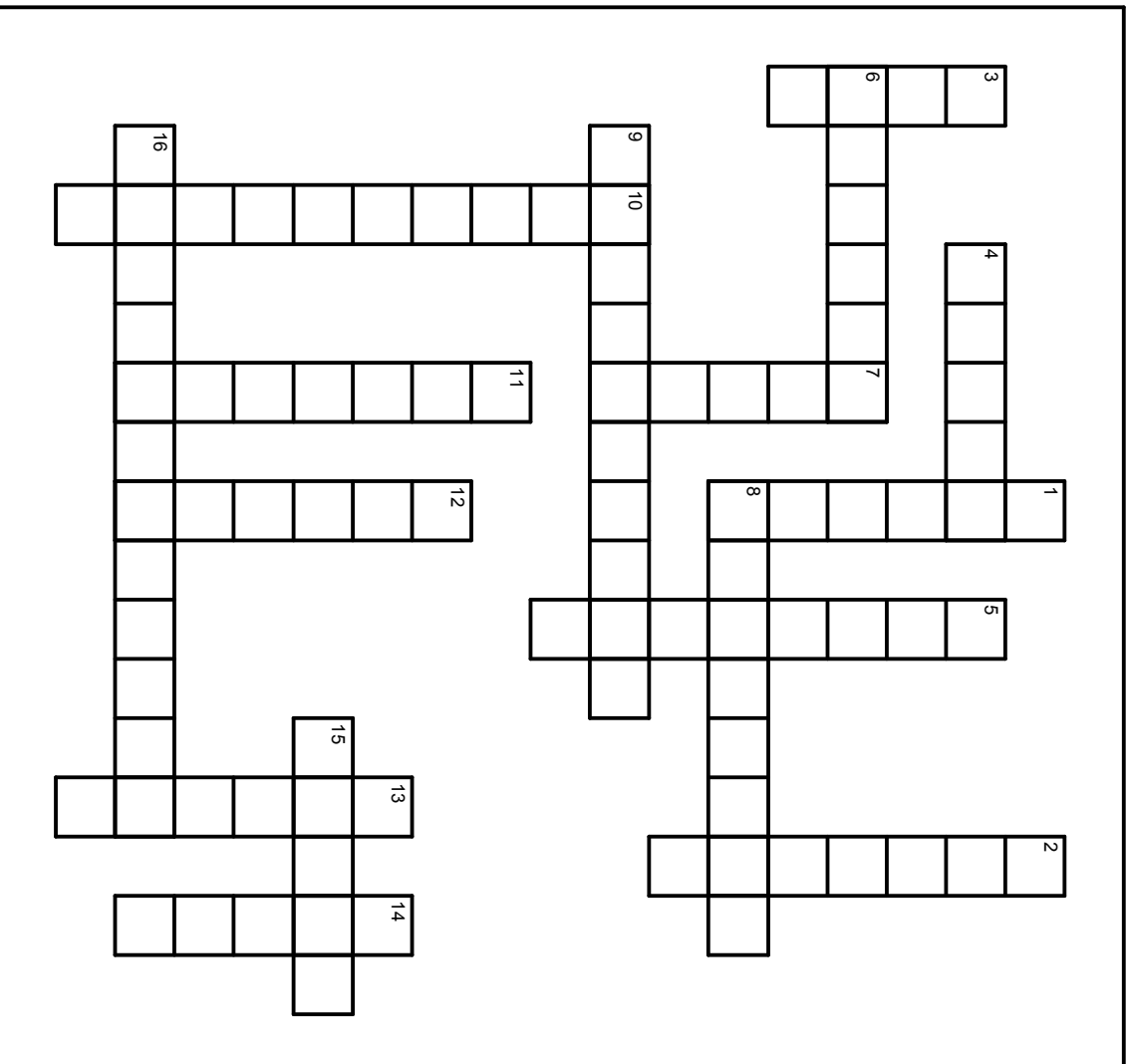
"And if I \_\_\_\_ and prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you,  
I will come \_\_\_\_\_ and take you to be with \_\_\_\_  
that you also may be where \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_."

John 14:3

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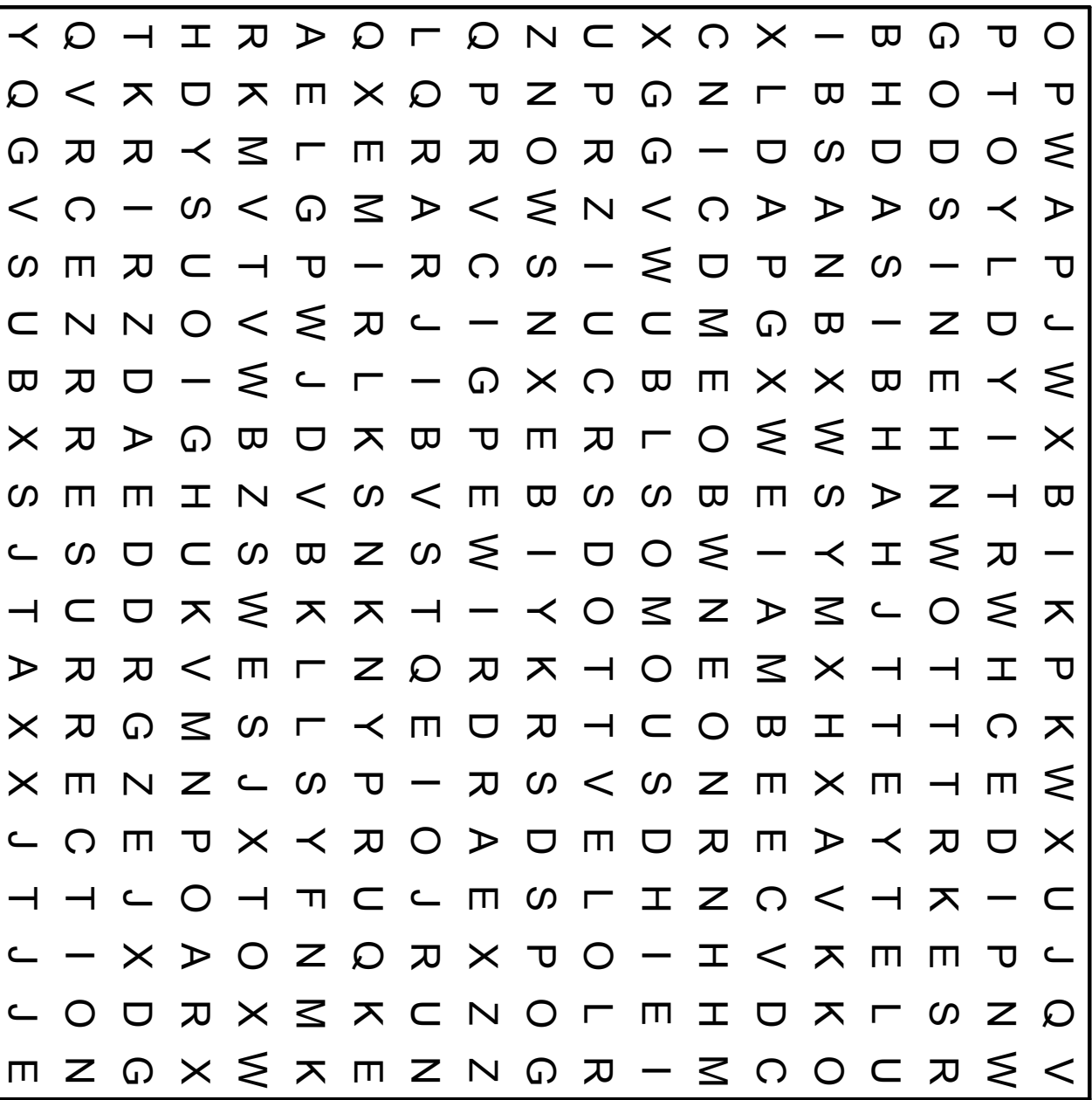
## Across

4. wrong (Matthew 22:29)
6. God's messengers (Matthew 22:30)
8. they don't believe in the resurrection of the dead (Matthew 22:23)
9. amazed (Matthew 22:33)
15. her husband has died (Matthew 22:24)
16. when everyone rises from the dead (Matthew 22:28)

## Down

1. lots of people (Matthew 22:33)
2. what they called Jesus (Matthew 22:24)
3. not living (Matthew 22:32)
5. babies of his own (Matthew 22:24)
7. 3 + 4 (Matthew 22:25)
10. God's word (Matthew 22:29)
11. not sister (Matthew 22:26)
12. human beings (Matthew 22:30)
13. not dead (Matthew 22:32)
14. he gave the law of God (Matthew 22:24)

# Heaven Is Not Like Earth



Saducees

resurrection

teacher

Moses

children

brother

widow

seven

error

scriptures

people

angels

dead

living

astonished

crowds

# Heaven Is Not Like Earth

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