

# HILLSIDE STUDENTS

## HEAVEN | Then & Now

### LEADER TOOLS

**REMINDERS:** Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

**GAME:** 🕵️👮 *PLAY Sherlock!* Everyone groups together. Each round, the player who is the detective will take 30 seconds to look at the group then leave the area. While they're gone, a change will take place (ex: two people change places, everyone unties their shoes). After the change, the detective comes back in and attempts to guess the change.

**TOPIC OVERVIEW:** Heaven isn't just something we wait for - it's something that shapes us right now. The Bible teaches a "now and not yet" reality. When you trust Jesus, you become a new creation. The old is gone; the new has come. That's not just future tense - that's present tense. Your eternal life doesn't start when you die. It starts the moment you put your faith in Jesus. The "not yet" part is incredible: one day, God will make all things new. No more death, mourning, crying, or pain. That's the hope we're heading toward. But here's the "now" part: that future hope isn't meant to make us sit around waiting. It's meant to change how we live today. Thinking about heaven doesn't make us less effective on earth - it makes us more effective. We live differently because we know where we're going.

### DISCUSSION

#### ICE-BREAKERS:

- What is going to be your grandparent name? (what do you want your future grandkids to call you?)
- Who is your biggest role model?

#### MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- What's one thing you got from the message?
- Where's a place you love to be? What's special about it?
- When you think of heaven, how do you picture it?
- **Read Revelation 21:1-3.** How does this passage change the way you picture heaven?
- What does "dwell" mean? So, what does it mean for God to dwell with His people?
- How does God dwell with us today?
- **Read Revelation 21:4-5.** What gives you hope in this passage?
- How does knowing this hope encourage you?
- Who is someone in your life who you want to know this hope?
- **Pray |** Leaders - pray for students to have courage to share with the people they mentioned!

### READING PLAN

Join us as we read the New Testament in 6 months!

