

Loved Complete *Significant* Friend of Jesus
Accepted Fearless God's Child *Secure* Assured *I Have Purpose* Chosen
Free Strengthened

WHO AM I REALLY?

DESTINY Philippians 3:12-21

Message Reflection Guide

The prospect of heaven is one of the most comforting truths in the Bible. Not only can we find hope in knowing that we will someday be in Jesus' presence, but we can also anticipate seeing loved ones who are waiting for us on the other side.

Imagine a grieving widow who has the assurance of being reunited with her husband of 50 years. Imagine sorrowing parents knowing that their child who succumbed to disease will be reunited with them. What a wonderful hope!

The promise of reunion in heaven gives us a glimpse of what our eternal home will be like. The prospect of seeing the people we love gives us snapshots of heaven in an album of hope.

Conversation Starter Who are you looking forward to seeing/meeting in heaven? (beside the members of the Trinity)

Getting Into The Scriptures Read Philippians 3:12-21

Pastor Jason said "Our kingdom citizenship has an influence on our past, present and future." What do you appreciate about being an American citizen? What do you appreciate about having a kingdom citizenship?

Our kingdom citizenship heals our past. Paul said he was determined to "*forget what lies behind*", why is forgetting so hard? How is forgiving different than forgetting?

Our kingdom citizenship affects our present. Do you find it easy or difficult to remain in the present? How does the idea of eternity affect your interactions with non-believers?

Our kingdom citizenship determines our future. There are few guarantees in life. Following Jesus guarantees our eternal destiny in heaven. How does that give you perspective on the daily tasks of life? How does that guarantee encourage you?

Making It Real

In light of the promises of Heaven, Paul says, "*So we are always of good courage*" 2 **Corinthians. 5:6a**. How does one develop an attitude of "always" being of good courage? Why is this often so difficult? Practically speaking, what are specific things you can do in your daily activities to have a mind which is set on heavenly things?