

LITTLE PEOPLE WITH BIG QUESTIONS

DO ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN?

Opening Questions:

What was your first pet? Cat? Dog? Something else? What was it's name? How old were you when you got this pet? Share your first pet experience with the group.

Do you remember this pet's death? When it died, did you wonder if it would be in Heaven?

Group Study:

Read Matthew 10:29-31.

-What is the main point that Jesus is making in these verses?

-If Jesus teaches us that 'not a sparrow falls to the ground outside of God's care' does that mean that God cares and loves animals, as part of his creation?

Pastor David made the point that one of the best ways we have to think about what God's New Creation in Heaven is going to be like is to look at God's original creation in Eden.

-Have you ever considered that perspective on Heaven before?

-Does it impact or change some of your current perceptions of Heaven? If so, how?

Sometimes there's a difference between what we want to be true and what we actually believe to be true, and it's helpful to acknowledge that difference.

-What do you want to be the answer to "Do All Dogs Go To Heaven?"

-Based on the scriptures we read in the message (Isaiah 11:6-8, 65:25; Matthew 10:29; Genesis 2:18-20) what do you think the answer actually is?

-What do you think we still don't know about animals in Heaven, based on what's taught in the Bible?

-What is encouraging about this answer? What is hard about this answer?

Application:

For us as parents, grandparents, adults investing in the next generation:

-What are your biggest takeaways from the message and this question?

-What opportunities do we have when we are asked a question like this to disciple young people?

Next Steps 2023

- What are some of your next steps in faith for 2023? Share any updates with your group.
- When you complete a next step, tell us about it using the QR code below.

Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, we give you thanks for all of your creation, for every pet and every person. We thank you that you are making all things new. Let us entrust the things of Heaven to you. Let us take joy in knowing what you make is so good!

