

# ALWAYS OPEN

## Week 5: The Assembly

### **Key Scripture**

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,<sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:22-24*

### **Main Takeaway**

You belong! You are a part of a great assembly! Assembled together around Jesus! We assemble together now as a foretaste! And WE WILL assemble together in eternity with all those we love who have gone before us in the faith!

#### **Start Talking:**

1. If you could choose any city to move to, what would be your criteria? Climate? Housing? Close to Family? Job?
2. What's your favorite place of all the places you've visited?

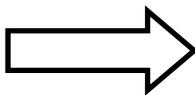
**Start Praying:** Heavenly Father, by the blood of Jesus you have made me and all believers part of your Great Assembly. A Great Assembly that meets here and now and a Great Assembly that will meet into eternity. Build our anticipation and joy for the day we join our loved ones, who have passed away in the faith, as we see you and realize we eternally belong! Until that day, encourage us to gather together and worship you!

#### **Start Studying:**

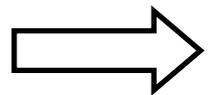
1. Read Key Scripture: In this assembly, who will be there? Why are they there?
2. Read Rev 7:9-12: How does this picture of our Eternal Assembly impact how we worship today?
3. Read Rev 7:13-17: How does this passage describe our now? How does it describe our not yet?
4. Read Philippians 2:5-11: Until the day Jesus returns there is an assembly in heaven and one here on earth. What do we all have in common and what does that mean for us today?

#### **Start Applying:**

1. What is God teaching you through this week's theme?
2. How can you help our family of believers and our assembly be a foretaste of this great assembly we all look forward too?
3. Everyone needs to be reminded we belong! Who in your life needs this same reminder? How can you or this group remind them? If it is you, share with your group how they can remind you!
4. Is there a high five your group can give this week to someone grieving the loss of a loved one?



**Fill out Biblical Equipping**



#### **Finish in Prayer:** Oh Father in Heaven:

So exciting to be in the word together. It is so comforting to know that even though we may be apart we are all worshipping the same God. You are the same today, tomorrow and always. Be with us when we are not together. In your name we pray. Amen!

# NOTES

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## BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: