



## **Study 5 - Heavenly Housing Estates - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

1. On an average day or week, do you think much about heaven? Why/why not?
2. *"Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."* (2 Corinthians 5:1)

Why will our resurrection body be better than our 'earthly tent' (current body)?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. One of the criticisms of Paul was that he groaned too much and was too vulnerable. What does Paul say about why Christians groan?

Is it a sign of Christian failure that we are vulnerable and groaning in this life?

4. *"Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."* (2 Corinthians 5:5)

Is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives to remove every sense of vulnerability and groaning? Why/why not?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-7. The 'super-apostles' of Corinth also critiqued Paul for lacking confidence. How does Paul defend himself? Does he have Christian confidence?
  
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:9-10. Most scholars would say that this is speaking of judgment for rewards in heaven, and not a judgment for entry into heaven (because that is the gift of Christ). What do you think?
  
7. How can you think more about heaven in the coming week? Discuss.
  
8. How can you live to please Christ more in the coming week? Discuss.

Finish the study by spending some time in prayer about what you have learnt, and for each others lives.