

Life Group Meeting
On Earth As It Is In Heaven – Week 2
Matthew 27:50-51

Get to Know You Question:

What's one thing you like that not many others do?

Into the Bible

Have someone read Matthew 27:50-51.

- What is the significance of Jesus “giving up his spirit?”

- What does the tearing of the temple curtain symbolize? Is it important that it happened at the moment of Jesus’ death, or would it have been just as significant if Jesus had caused the curtain to tear while he was alive?

- Would it have been possible for Jesus to release the kingdom of heaven without dying on the cross?

- Read Matthew 27:52-54. After the earthquake, those who had been guarding Jesus finally realized he was the son of God. Have you ever had an “earthquake moment” where you suddenly realized God was at work in your life?

Going Deeper:

- Do you tend to focus more on Jesus' life, or his death? Why?

- What "curtains" are still up today that prevent some from fully accessing the kingdom of heaven? How do we tear them down?

- By releasing the kingdom of heaven to us, Jesus allowed heaven and God to be accessible to every person on earth. Where or when do you feel closest to the kingdom?

- Do we have a responsibility as Christians to continue to "release" the kingdom to others? Or has our work been done for us already in this area?