

Small Group Discussion Guide – April 24, 2011

Exploring Core Beliefs: “Homesick for Heaven”

Pendulum Swings: Pendulum swings, better known as icebreakers or getting started questions, are just a fun way to kickoff your small group time together by going from the not so serious to deeper connecting times.

As you begin your Small Group this week ... *“Tough topics ...”*

- ✓ “Who eats the ears first off of a chocolate Easter bunny?”
- ✓ “Which would be better ... frolicking in a cave hideout or in a tree house?”
- ✓ “Which would be worse ... being misunderstood or receiving someone else’s punishment?”
- ✓ “Is it possible ... to love someone and betray them at the same time?”
- ✓ “Which would be better ... God being on your side or you being on God’s side?”

1. **READ:** **2 Corinthians 5:1-5**

“¹ For 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 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

2. **This week, one (1) discussion question:**

- Share with your small group what makes you “homesick for Heaven”?