

THE GREAT DIVORCE



THE GREAT DIVORCE PODCAST | Week 2

Connect (5 to 10 minutes)

- Do you prefer a beach or mountain vacation? Where would you say is the best place to experience nature?

Context (30 to 40 minutes)

Discuss the podcast and the chapters for this week. What particularly stood out to you from either the book or the recording?

CHAPTER 3

- The people from The Grey Town arrive in Heaven, and CS Lewis describes it as this place of overwhelming beauty. How would you imagine Heaven if you were writing this book?
- What do you think of the idea that people are ghosts, or that they are transparent when they first arrive in Heaven?
- In the story, the bus driver explains that the ghosts can stay as long as they want, and even never return to Grey Town if they choose not to. However, several ghosts leave because they become overwhelmed by the experience and what will be asked of them if they stay. How does fear of the unknown impact our ability or our willingness to follow God?
- Does the idea of engaging with Heaven make you feel like you are exposed or in danger?
- Can you relate to the idea that your love for a family member is so much greater than a high school relationship?

CHAPTER 4

Read Matthew 22:1-10. In this passage, Jesus gives a parable about a wedding banquet where many people who are invited do not choose to attend. Everyone is then invited, both “bad and good”, and the hall is filled. What does this say about who we will encounter in Heaven? Does CS Lewis’s writing line up with this passage?

- The Big Ghost seems genuinely surprised by Len being in Heaven. Who would you like to see in Heaven? Is there anyone that you don’t want to see, or would be surprised to see in Heaven?

- Len murdered a man named Jack. Is murder beyond redemption? Are there any other sins that are beyond redemption?
 - Is there anyone that you think you are better than, honestly? Is there anyone that God ranks higher than another person?
 - What is the difference between being a “good person” and being a faithful person? Are they mutually exclusive?
 - Is Heaven simply a reward for our life on Earth? Is it something greater or something different?
 - Discuss the idea that we have to accept the “charity” of Heaven, and that it can’t be bought. Do you like accepting handouts? Why or why not?
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Next Week

Read Chapters 5 & 6 and/or listen to episodes 5 & 6 of the podcast.

- What takeaways would you like to commit to this week?
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Closing (5 minutes)

God calls us into community by sharing our joys and concerns together in prayer and supporting one another in our walks with Christ. As we share testimony and stories of our lives, let us listen to where God is working within our community and how we can build each other up in Christian love.

- Share joys and concerns with one another.
- Close in prayer, either by inviting a group member to pray or by using the prayer provided below.

Closing Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, power, and glory forever. Amen.