



HEAVEN EARTH

Heaven on Earth: An Opportunity for Immeasurably More

October 10th & 11th

Speaker: Pastor Joshua Symonette

Scripture: Ephesians 3:16-21

Series Overview

Our identity, our authority is anchored in a dimension of reality called heaven. It is the domain of God's dominion — perfect harmony, true identity, full authority. Every blessing is ours in the heavenly realm (Ephesians 1:3). Heaven is invading earth right here, right now. How? With a supernatural demonstration of God's love and power and wisdom. As citizens of heaven, we represent the heavenly realm. The goal? On earth, as it is in heaven.

Series Discussion Questions

How did you witness heaven invading earth this week?

Message Overview

Power has been a pursuit of humanity since the inception of our existence. And our world is in a constant state of drama as a result of the pursuit to possess power. Paul, the apostle and theologian, writes to a group of Christians in a place called Ephesus. Power is one of themes in this letter, which is an encouragement and a reminder of who has ultimate power and how we can access it. It is only that ultimate power, at work in us, in partnership with Christ, that can do far more than we could ever imagine. That is the opportunity that Paul is reminding us of and praying for on behalf of the church in Ephesus.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

“How am I really doing?” Pastor Joshua begins his message with that particular question. Over the course of this discussion guide we will go in depth on answering and diving deep into seeing, “How we are really doing?” By participating in this guide: healing, transformation, and prophetic encouragement could all be experienced.

Also, this weekend’s message opened with the insecurities that we are all experiencing in this season. What are some insecurities that have surfaced during this time?

Read Ephesians 3:16-21. The text refers to *“power”* three times in the NIV version of what we read and seven times in the letter. When we think of the struggles of power in the world today, what comes to mind? How have you taken power into your own hands? Are there some things that we need to get rid of in order to fully receive God’s power and not our own strength?

“Because when I am fully emptied of myself, then my capacity is fully open to his power” (Pastor Joshua Symonette). What area of your life are you feeling completely emptied? How are you relying on His power?

In this season: *Every single area of our lives is being challenged to choose a “side”*. He says, *“There is the red side, the blue side, the Black Lives Matter side, the All Lives Matter side, the anthem kneeling side, the standing anthem side, the Chick-fil-a chicken sandwich side, the Popeyes chicken sandwich side. Everybody is jockeying, including the church, who is being pulled into the power struggle to define their side.”* *How have you found yourself being pulled to a “side”?* What do you think Christ's response would be regarding "sides"? How can you continue to have the "mind of Christ" in this season? (1 Corinth 2:16).

Practical Application

- Pray this prayer with your group: Lord help us, so that we can attain a “radical reorientation of our vision of the world!” -Quoted by Timothy Gombis.
- Spend some time in prayer this week identifying power struggles in your life. Focus on emptying those struggles and relying on God’s power.
- Find a daily rhythm of connecting with God and with one another by committing to [NCC Daily](#), a new five-minute audio podcast to help you walk verse-by-verse through the book of Ephesians. Invite a few others to do so with you, connecting throughout the week via Marco Polo or a group text, or meeting together online in person to discuss and debrief what you’re learning.
- Climb the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. Join us as we start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom.