

Xenos Summer Institute 2015

Fire Their Imaginations ~ Talking to Kids about Heaven

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Goals

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Why Kids?

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- Overall, about three out of ten young people who grow up with a Christian background stay faithful to church and to faith throughout their transitions from the teen years through their twenties.

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- Young people are dropping out earlier, staying away longer, and if they come back are less likely to see the church as a long-term part of their life.
 - <https://www.barna.org/teens-next-gen-articles/534-five-myths-about-young-adult-church-dropouts>

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- “This means Millennials who retain a longer-lasting faith than their peers are more likely to find a sense of authority in the Word of God—both in the pages of the Bible as well as in their experience of intimacy with the God they follow,” Kinnaman says.
 - <https://www.barna.org/barna-update/millennials/635-5-reasons-millennials-stay-connected-tochurch#.VBrofpRdWSo>

Why Heaven?

- - **But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ ~Philippians 3:20**

- 1. **(Rev 21:5-6, Rom 11:33-34, Rev 21:1-3)**

 2. **(Rev 21:11, 21)**

 3. **(Job 19:25-27, Rev 7:9, John 14:1-3)**

Culture's view vs. Our View?

How to teach kids about Heaven?

- **Manage_____!**

(Part 1)---Developing "Sticky" Ideas

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- **Heaven?**

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(Part 2)---Accounting for Gender Differences

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- The male retina is substantially thicker than the female retina. That's because the male retina has mostly the larger, thicker M cells while the female retina has predominantly the smaller, thinner P ganglion cells
 - ✘ Pg. 21. Why Gender Matter, Dr. Leonard Sax
- Boys see still and moving objects better than girls. They also have a better sense of perspective. This is due to the M ganglion cells in their retinas. In contrast, girls' retinas have P ganglion cells that are better suited to detecting fine detail.
 - ✘ Pg. 50. Wired To Move, Ruth Hanford Morhard

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For more XSI Resources, please visit the following web pages

<http://www.xenos.org/xsi/breakout-information>

<http://www.xenos.org/teachings/?series=253>