

**Bible Study**  
**Jesus is our hope for life**

**Food for thought ...**

What do each of the following tell us about the importance of having our eyes on the prize, and what that prize should be?

*"I know some people say: 'Keep your eyes on the prize,' but I disagree. When your eyes are stuck on the prize, you're going to keep stumbling and crashing into things. If you really want to get ahead, you've got to keep your eyes focused on the path." - Russell Simmons*

*"Don't give up! Don't give in! Keep the faith! And keep your eyes on the prize!" - John Lewis*

*"I still have my eyes on the prize: I want to be that old lady onstage shaking her hips and singing her greatest hits." - Christina Aguilera*

*"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

*"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing, that's why we recommend it daily." - Zig Ziglar*

**READ Revelation 7:9-15**

1. In verse 9, John says "After this I looked, and behold ..."
  - a. After what? What has he just been talking about? [It might be worth tracing this all the way back to chapter 4, verse 1]
  - b. What is John describing? When in time is this set?
2. In verse 9 still, John refers to a great multitude standing before the throne and the Lamb ...
  - a. Who is the Lamb, and why is he on the throne?
  - b. What do we know about the multitude? What is the significance of the fact that ...
    - i. They are from every nation, tribe, people and language? [see 2 Chronicles 6:33; Psalm 22:7; Isaiah 2:2; Daniel 7:14; Matthew 28:16-28]
    - ii. They are standing? [see 1 Samuel 6:20; Psalm 130:3; Job 41:10; Jude 1:24; Revelation 6:15-17; 7:11]
    - iii. They are clothed in white? [see Isaiah 1:18; 64:6; Zechariah 3:1-4; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 3:4, 18]
3. In verses 15-17, John describes life in this future time ...
  - a. Who is on the throne?
  - b. What will be our role in this (assuming we are among the multitude)?
  - c. How will this life be different to what our life is like now?
4. How should this vision shape the way we live our lives here and now? What *should* we be doing? And what should we *not* be doing?