

## Rutherford House Small Group Resource Review form

**Resource name:** Heaven  
**Reviewers name:** Jonathan Keefe  
**Length of course:** 7 sessions  
**Year produced:** 2006 by Lamplighter Media  
**Format:** (DVD, workbook) DVD + study guide

**General Theme:** (Pick one of Evangelistic; Biblical; Topical)

Topical

**Review:** (Please include what type of group you think this is best suited for, how your group responded to it, how long each session lasts, whether you found it easy or tough going and why, what you think your group learned about themselves and about God, if any follow-up was required).

*This is a resource that gets the group thinking about heaven. It lasts 7 sessions and each session has a DVD input from Randy Alcorn and a fairly detailed study guide with many varied questions. The theme is an excellent one and one for which there are not many group work resources. We found it inspired us to change how we view the world around us and discussing the aspects of the topic encouraged everyone in the group. Alongside the study guide there is a lengthy book by the same name, alongside several other books and on line resources by Randy Alcorns ministry – Eternal Perspective Ministries. The studies take it slow and discussion flowed on the back of the DVD clips. Some of the sessions are slightly 'samey' covering similar ground from an earlier session, but the content is a lot to get ones head round. Some folks felt that the material was primarily suited to an American audience, and therefore struggled at times to relate. The resource itself also had to be shipped from the US at time of reviewing. This resource is thoroughly biblical although much of it is based on a few short sections referring to the new heaven and the new earth (clearly we are limited to what we can say for definite about the new heavens and the new earth). In conclusion this resource is recommended highly, though European audiences might need to overlook Americanisations.*