Live like you have a mansion in heaven!

Jn. 14:1-6 many mansions (dwelling places) in God’s house
- Greek word *mone*: translated mansions, dwelling places
  - appears only here and Jn. 14:23, translated abode (NASB) - God and Jesus make their abode with believers
- immediate context: What is Jesus communicating to the apostles?
  - Jesus leaving, they could not follow (crucifixion), but would follow later (heaven) - Jn. 14:1-6

What is your attitude, knowing you have a “mansion” in heaven?
- hymn: *Mansions Over the Hilltop*

- God’s dwelling place is many times greater than any mansion men can build!
  - Rev. 4:1-11 imagine being there, worshiping there, living there
  - A mansion is a place you want to be: nice, comfortable, luxurious — heaven
    - Rev. 21:10-14, etc. God, heaven is more luxurious and grand than any earthly mansion
  - A mansion is something people work for, all their life - want really badly — heaven
    - Rev. 2:10b till death — crown, kings wear crowns and live in mansions
    - Rev. 20:6 we will reign with Christ — those who reign live in mansions
- Matt. 16:24-26 commitment, give everything to obtain

What is your attitude, knowing you have a “dwelling place” with God? - heaven, salvation
- saying: Life is more about who you’re with, than what you have. — people more important than things
  - illus.: fun things aren’t as fun when we don’t have someone to share them with: boating, golf, vaca, work
  - illus.: most people more effective at work when not alone - Jesus, disciples 2 by 2 - Allan Russia, lost
- You’ll live with God rather than Satan. — decide who you want to be with for eternity
  - God
    - Jn. 3:16 Father, the One who loves you so much, He gave His Son to die
    - Jn. 15:13-15 Jesus, One who died to save you, made friend from slave
  - Satan
    - Jn. 8:44 father of all lies, one who lied repeatedly, worked his hardest to hurt you for eternity
    - Rev. 12:1-9 dragon who tried to defeat God, Christ, prevent salvation from coming to earth
- You’ll live be with Christians rather than sinners, for eternity. — decide who you want to be with
  - Christians
    - Matt. 28:19-20 apostles who suffered, persecuted, gave their lives, to preach gospel (truth)
    - Acts 7:54-60 brethren like Stephen who gave his life, teaching the truth
  - sinners
    - Rev. 21:6-8 in heaven no sinners (unbelievers, idolaters, etc) - lake of fire & brimstone, 2nd death
      - Rev. 20:13-15 judgment, sinful, lake of fire - name not in the book of life
    - illus.: German Cannibal Gets Life, Frankfurt (Reuters) - hope he repents

How do you get to your mansion - abode with God?
- Jn. 14:6 through Jesus, who is the way, truth, life
  - Greek *dia*, translated “through”
  - we must obey Jesus (Heb. 5:9) and walk in his steps (1 Pet. 2:21)
- illus.: Jesus is the door
  - Jn. 10:7, 9-10 Jesus door, enter and you’re saved
Jesus will come back and take you home!
- Jn. 14:3 Jesus return and take us home
- 1 Th. 4:13-18 Jesus’ return

Summary / Inv.
- Live like you have a mansion in heaven!
  - work hard for it, earnestly desire it, obey the Lord and walk in His steps to receive it
- Are you ready to go home with Jesus?
  - He’s prepared a place for you, with God, where you will stay forever, if you are ready?
- inv.
  - What does Jesus ask?