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The title is presented in a bold, sans-serif font, split across three lines. The words 'OUR ETERNAL' and 'PLACE' are in black on a white background, while 'DWELLING' is in white on a black background. The entire text is set against a dark red background with a white, distressed, hand-painted border.

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## LEADER GUIDE

### Big Idea

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### Key Themes

- **Heaven as God's dwelling with humanity**, not humanity escaping earth.
- **God's power redeems what sin has corrupted**—even cities, cultures, and people.
- **There is an absence of** chaos, evil, pain, and death in God's eternal city.
- **Our present mission:** living as ambassadors of reconciliation now.

### Tips

- Allow space for both hope and discomfort, especially around themes of judgment and exclusion.
- Keep bringing the conversation back to God's character: redemption, holiness, justice, and love.
- Encourage participants to connect the future vision of God's city with their daily lives and relationships.
- Encourage participants to allow their previous images of Heaven to be radically redefined.