

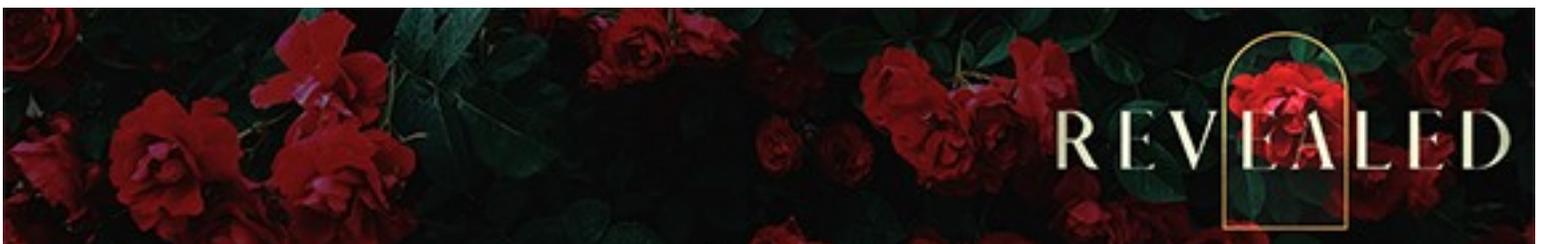


**7 -WEEK STUDY
IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

WEEK 7

“Seven R’s”

Revelation 21 & 22



WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Revelation 22:1-5

Secondary texts from this week: Revelation 21:1-5, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, 1 Corinthians 15

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To better understand our hope in Christ

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Have you ever restored or rebuilt anything (a room, a house, a car, an article of clothing, a friendship, etc.). Tell the group about a time you restored something.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Start by having someone from the group read **Revelation 21:1-5** and someone else read **Revelation 22:1-5**. What sticks out to you about those two passages?
2. Pastor Doug talked about seven R's that should give Christians hope about the future: **(1)** *The return of Christ*, **(2)** *the resurrection of believers*, **(3)** *renewed heaven and earth*, **(4)** *restored relationship with God, each other, and creation*, **(5)** *reversal of the curse of Genesis 3*, **(6)** *the fact that we will rule and reign with God for all eternity*, and **(7)** *the prayer in Revelation 22: "Come, Lord Jesus."*

Which of these (if any) were new to you?

Were any of the surprising to you? Explain.

Which of these seven gives you the most hope?

3. When you think of the idea that we will receive "resurrected bodies," what questions do you wonder about?
4. World-renowned scholar and theologian NT Wright says in his book *Surprised by Hope*, that in our eternal existence, "there will be work to do and we shall relish in doing it." * Does the idea of "working in the new heavens and the new earth surprise you? Does it excite you or disappoint you?
5. Read Luke's account of Jesus' post-resurrection appearance in **Luke 24:36-43**. In light of what we learned this week about the future bodily resurrection of believers, what details stand out to you about Jesus' resurrection? What does this tell us about our future resurrection?
6. When you think about the suffering and persecution the early Christians experienced (and the suffering and persecution that many modern-day Christians experience around the world,) why do you think the final three-word prayer in **Revelation 22:20** would have been so compelling to them? What does it mean to you?

* *Surprised by Hope*, N.T. Wright, p. 161

