



pursuing the presence of **GOD**

What Lies Beyond

Main text: Revelation 21:1–5 & 21:22–27

Supporting text: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

This weekend, Pastor Jonathan closed out the Pursuing the Presence of God series by looking at the end of the Bible. The vision of the Apostle John in the book of Revelation ends with a beautiful picture of “a new heaven and a new earth,” and God coming to dwell with his people in a New Jerusalem. While the images and metaphors of Revelation are symbolic, they point us toward the reality of God’s unmediated presence living together with us in an embodied, physical space where all pain, suffering, and mourning are gone forever.

Questions:

- Have you experienced losing a loved one close to you? Did this cause you to think about where they are and what lies beyond death?
- Read Revelation 21:1–5a. Discuss how this conception of life with God differs from the common expectation of “going to heaven” as a disembodied spirit.
- In Revelation 21:22–27, we get more details about reality in the New Jerusalem. What stands out to you?
- What do you think it means that the gates will never be shut?
- As you under this overall picture of the new creation, what is most encouraging to you?