

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21:1-8

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.' ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' And He said, 'Write, for these words are faithful and true.' ⁶ Then He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. ⁷ He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. ⁸ But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.'"

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OPEN:

1. Have you ever wished you could have a do-over? For what?
2. What's your all-time favorite video game?

DIG:

1. Read verses 1-4 out loud together. Take a moment to let the verses sink in. God's presence among us. No more tears. No more crying. No death, no pain, no mourning. The realization of our hope. Perfect peace. Unending joy. Can you imagine that? Discuss.
2. What is the meaning of no sea in the new heavens and new earth?
3. What comparison is used for the relationship of Jesus and Jerusalem? How does the Jerusalem imagery contrast with Babylon's?

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4. John wrote to a group of folks whose personal worlds had gone crazy. What two dangers did they face?
5. Who is the Throne-Sitter in the book of Revelation? What is the throne a picture of?
6. Contrast the two groups in Revelation, the overcomers and the cowardly.

REFLECT:

1. John writes Revelation to encourage us as believers to persevere in the present because of the coming victory of God through Jesus when He returns as King. What three things do we need to remember? (Hint: Matt references this every week near the end of his message.)
2. Looking at this beautiful picture of God's victorious reign reminds us of His amazing love for us. The lengths that He has gone to so that we might be reconciled to Him, that we might become His sons and daughters are nothing short of incredible. How does this motivate you to share your story?

5 MARKS FOCUS: DAILY DEVOTION

During your quiet times this week, focus a portion on the picture God has shared with us in Revelation 21:1-4. Give Him praise in your prayers throughout the day for what He has done, what He is doing, and He will do in the future.