

THE GREAT BEGINNING- REVELATION 21-22 / SEPT. 28

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

The sermon passage spans Revelation 21–22. Read **Revelation 21:1–14**, which captures some key themes. After reading, spend 60 seconds in silent listening prayer. What applications or thoughts about the text came into your mind? Might those be from the Spirit? Close with a prayer to God for wisdom to apply these truths.

Sermon Recap (to *apply*, not rehash the sermon)

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “John presents life on earth like a once-beautiful gallery now in tatters ... but in chapters 21–22, we see everything restored: consummation, glorification, a grand new beginning.”
- “Eternity is everything that we loved about the old heaven and earth, only supercharged and now healed from the curse of sin.”
- “Our greatest reunion is with God himself.”
- “Jesus transforms our pain into joy by letting us see how he used it all for good.”

Group Discussion

1. When you picture the new heaven and new earth in Revelation 21:1–5, what words or images stand out most, and how do they speak to the common myths about heaven?
2. Pastor J.D. emphasized *kainos*, which is renewed, not brand-new. Where in creation’s goodness do you most long to see God’s restoring work completed, and why?
3. “God with us” is central (21:3; 22:1–5). How does this promised reunion with God shape your daily priorities, worship, and view of spiritual practices now?
4. “He will wipe away every tear.” Without minimizing pain, how might God transform particular sufferings you’ve known into future joy and wisdom in his presence?
5. Pastor J.D. talked about eternal investment over bucket lists. What concrete changes could you make—time, resources, relationships, etc.—to help someone drink the “water of life” (22:17)?

CHALLENGE

- ☐ Invite one person to read Revelation 21 with you. Over coffee, ask what most surprises them about heaven and gently share your hope in Christ.

PRAYER

- ☐ Ask God to fix our hope on “a new heaven and a new earth,” living now as citizens of his descending city (Revelation 21:1–2,10).
- ☐ Pray that God centers our longing on his presence, growing our worship, purity, and joy as we await to “see his face” (Revelation 21:3; 22:4).
- ☐ Ask God’s Spirit to comfort our sorrows, “wipe away every tear,” and help us know how to do that for one another.