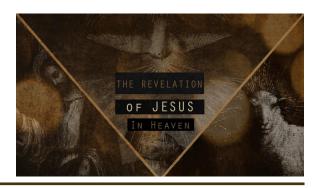
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Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide



## The Revelation of Jesus and His New Creation

**Introduction:** The final chapters are closing and starting a new beginning. Jesus has conquered the final enemy and defeated Satan. The world is now made new and a new Heaven and new Earth is prepared for God's redeemed.

Text: Revelation 21

## **Discussion:**

- 1. Share your experience of receiving something new that was a real excitement of you? What is it about something new that makes people happy?
- 2. Read Isaiah 65 & 66. Read 2 Peter 3:13. What is the hope of the believer? Does this motivate you in your faith?
- 3. What is one reason for the delay of Jesus between his first coming and second coming? Read 2 Peter 3:9
- 4. Read Hebrews 11 What was it about Abraham and Moses that helped them live a life of obedience to God?
- 5. What are the things in this world that makes it difficult and hard? What are the things that you wish did not exist?
- 6. How does Revelation 21:4 comfort you?
- 7. Revelation 21:5—Who is in complete control and who makes all things new? Why is this an important fact to understand in view of our world history and for the future?
- 8. Revelation 21:6—Who offers the drink of eternal refreshment? What are some drinks the world offers for "salvation" and why do they still leave you thirsty? Who alone is the thirst guencher?
- 9. Revelation 21:7 Who are the ones who overcomes and how is the victory won? Read1 John 5:4.
- 10. Revelation 21:8 Who is not allowed in the new kingdom? Why is this a good thing? Would you allow people who cursed your spouse and mocked your children and stole your stuff in your house? Some say that Jesus in not very loving if he excludes people from Heaven . . . why is this a false belief?
- 11. Rev. 21:10-14 Who makes up the bride of Christ?
- 12. What is the significance of the city being a perfect square? Read 1 Kings 6:19-20
- 13. The beauty of the heavenly city coming down to earth is amazing. Write/Discuss some of the most beautiful places you have been and compare them to the description in chapter 21. Though places and building can be splendid, what is the real grandeur of the new heaven and earth? Write/Discuss

## **Think About it:**

There is coming a day when God makes all things news. I believe that in this new heaven and new earth it will remain as such. We experience some things new in this world. The bad news, however, is that they do not stay new . . .they wear out. Our home, cars, i phones do not last. Our bodies wear down and as we age we are reminded of this fact. The good news is that Jesus will make all things new and good. There will no longer be any curse or those who will curse. Evil and wickedness are removed and the presence of God is with His people forever. I hope you will be there. Have you called on the name of Jesus for salvation?

## **Moving Forward:**

This week make a mental note of the beauty of God's creation and then think about how the new heaven and the new earth will be even greater. Be mindful of the news this week and thank God that one day all the killing, disease, war, and sexual immorality will be removed. Live for eternity this week and invite others to Jesus and His church!