

Watch or listen to the sermon on the website if you missed it. Turn to the back for an outline of the sermon.

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite way to praise God, or what makes you feel closest to him?

1. Pastor David pointed out that perhaps there is no greater contrast between two Scripture verses than Revelation 20:15 vs. Revelation 21:1.
 - a. Why is there such a dramatic difference in the state these two verses describe?
 - b. How should this motivate our interactions with others?
2. Revelation 21 and 22 are similar to Genesis 1 and 2 in multiple ways.
 - a. How is the world as described in Genesis 1 and 2 similar to that in Revelation 21 and 22?
 - b. How are they different?
3. The God depicted in this passage is the same God we see throughout Scripture. It is easy to focus just on one passage, but in order to gain a better understanding of who God is we must recount what the entire Bible says about him.
 - a. What are some of His attributes that we see in this passage, and where else can you find these in Scripture?
 - b. Read the “I am” statements in the book of John: 6:35, 6:48, 8:12, 8:58, 9:5, 10:9, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1. Which of these do you see in the text from Pastor David’s sermon?
 - c. Even in this new creation, Jesus is still referred to as the Lamb. What significance does this bear?
4. Remember that the events described in this book are imminent events that are certain to happen, and we must be ready at any time. Do not let your own hesitation impact the urgency of being a witness in a lost and dying world.
 - a. Read the four response questions on the attached outline. First consider these questions for yourself, and then discuss with the group how you can lead a non-believer through a discussion that covers these topics.
 - b. What would help you be more prepared to share the truth of this lesson with those you know that do not place their faith in Christ?

Spend time in prayer as a group urging God to show us the hope that we have in him, but also the urgency of the message that he gave to the church as he ascended into heaven (Matthew 28:19-21).

Sermon Idea: Jesus is coming soon to make all things new for eternity where we will be at home with Him.

I. We will live in a new creation. (vv 21:1-3)

- Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13
- Hebrews 11:10; John 14:3
- Leviticus 26:11-12

II. We will experience new benefits in our relationship with God. (vv 21:4)

- Revelation 7:17
- 1 Corinthians 15:26
- Isaiah 51:11

III. We will live forever with God our Father and Christ our King. (vv 22:1-5)

- Genesis 2:9
- Zechariah 14:3
- Daniel 7:18
- Revelation 21:5-8; 27

Key Response Questions:

1. Today, is your name written in the Lamb’s book of life?
2. If not, will you believe the gospel and be born again?
3. If so, will you live in hope and expectation as a slave to Jesus Christ?
4. What changes in your life need to take place to do this?