



8. Read Revelation 22:1–5. What are characteristics from the garden of Eden (Genesis 1-2) that you notice present in this passage?

9. Revelation 21–22 shares many beautiful aspects of the new heavens and earth such as:

- The multicultural community we were made to be a part of.
- The glory we were made to bask in.
- The satisfaction we were made to enjoy forever.
- The happy marriage relationship we were made to share

***Which of these brings you the most joy to think about and why? Which is most challenging for you to imagine?***

10. How does the new creation as described in Revelation 21–22 provide resolution to the crisis of the curse presented in Genesis 3? What impacts of the curse do we see being healed or eradicated?

11. Because so much of Revelation 21 is about the environment of the new creation, it is easy to think of it primarily as a speaking of a place. But the imagery John uses throughout this chapter is very much about the people who will inhabit the new creation. ***What aspects of who we will be and what we will experience in the new creation are most significant to you?***

12. Many of us may have spent most of our Christian life oriented toward going to heaven when we die, living as disembodied souls somewhere away from this earth. ***How is Revelation 21, with its picture of our eternal existence in the new heaven and new earth, different from how we might have imagined eternity?***

13. Nancy Guthrie states, “The newness of this new creation—its intimacy with Jesus and belonging to Jesus, its beauty, security, community, satisfaction, illumination, holiness, healing, and happiness—is not solely reserved for the future. It is an increasing reality in the interior of our lives right now if we are in Christ.” ***How are you experiencing that newness in your life now?***