

- Have you given much thought to what God is doing in the world and where He is directing all of history? What is your current “vision” or belief about what eternity will be like?
 - How has culture impacted the way we view eternity? Is it common today to think about the afterlife as an ethereal eternal existence, saints floating on clouds forever?
 - How does having a clear vision of where God is directing all things impact us today?

- READ - Revelation 21:1-8
 - What stands out to about the way that John describes “New Creation”?
 - How does understanding what has happened to the old creation help us better understand and appreciate the new?
 - Who is the bride that John sees coming down out of the heavens and why is she described as a city?
 - Where is God located in this vision?
 - What are some other examples of how God has dwelt with his people throughout the bible?
 - How is this different then the way he has related to His people in the past?
 - How does John’s vision of a world put to rights inspire hope for you now?

- READ – Revelation 21:9-27
 - What stands out to you about this text? And why?
 - The four categories that the message pointed out regarding the way John describes the city is as follows: the appearance (21:9-14), the measurements (21:15-17), the materials (21:18-21), and the features (21:22-27). What did each of these categories symbolize?
(HINT – Appearance represents *God’s People*, Measurements represents *God’s Protection*, materials represent *God’s Presence*, and the Features represent *God’s Provision*.)

- READ – Revelation 22:1-5
 - What Old Testament story does this text remind you of?
 - Contrast the Garden of Eden in Genesis with the Garden represented here in Revelation.
 - What similarities do you see? What differences do you see?
 - What does it say about the bible that it begins with a Garden and ends with a garden?

- Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does Rev. 21-22:5 highlight? How can we encourage one another to put aside lesser visions, and fully embrace John’s vision of guaranteed reality so that we might be filled with hope?