

Bible study for the week starting October 12, 2025

### **SHARE**

People love to imagine what heaven could be like and craft it according to what they *wish* it could be like: endless puppies, a pristine golf course, the best food, etc. What excites you about the *place* you'll spend eternity?

#### **READ/STUDY/DISCUSS**

- 1. Read Revelation 21:9-27. What stands out about this description of the New Jerusalem?
- 2. We hear the dimensions and materials described, but also the prsence of God. What sticks out about the light and peace and security and purity of this description? What hope does this give?
- 3. Read **Ezekiel 37:1-14**. The world is a dead and dry place apart from God, and this gives us a good image for what the resurrection will be like. What do you notice?
- 4. Read **Ezekiel 40:1-4**. God gives Ezekiel a vision of Jerusalem rebuilt, but really an enhanced one beyond what Jerusalem would ever become. How is this really pointing past the earthly city of Jerusalem to the New Jerusalem?
- 5. Read **Ezekiel 43:1-7a**. I love this image, where water flows from the Temple and refills the Dead Sea, which is *definitely* something that hasn't happened yet. What life-filled picture do we get here?
- 6. Read Luke 17:20-33. Jesus describes the coming of the kingdom and uses the images of the flood and Lot's wife to highlight its suddenness and warn us to be ready. What makes us ready, and are you?

#### **PRAY**

Pray that God would give you such hope in what awaits us that it impacts our everyday lives.



# THE NEW JERUSALEM

Revelation 21:9-27 (Ezekiel 40:1-4, 43:1-7a; Luke 17:20-33) October 12, 2025 — Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

"COME, 1 will SHOW you."

How BIG is it?!

Why is there no **TEMPLE** in the city? Where is God in the New Jerusalem?

Ezekiel 37: "Can these DRY BONES live?"

Ezekiel 40: "He set me down on a very high mountain, on which was a <u>STRUCTURE</u> like a <u>CITY</u> to the south."

The world apart from the working of God is <u>DRY</u> and <u>DEAD</u>.

## **HOPE** is:

- 1. ANTICIPATION
- 2. TRUST
- 3. **ENCOURAGEMENT**
- 4. Not a WHERE or a WHAT but a WHO

It's SO big...

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 22:1-5.