

## Revelation 21-22 | Fall Small Groups 2025 | Ep. 15

### Key Takeaways

#### 1. *God Makes All Things New (Not All New Things)*

Revelation 21:5 says, "Behold, I am making all things new"—not "I am making all new things." God is restoring and redeeming His creation, not abandoning it.

#### Discussion Questions:

- How does understanding that God is restoring creation (rather than replacing it) change your view of eternity?
- What does this tell us about the value God places on physical creation, including our bodies?
- How should this affect how we care for creation and our physical bodies now?

#### 2. *Heaven and Earth Become One*

The new Jerusalem comes down from heaven to earth. We won't float on clouds forever—we'll live in a restored physical reality where heaven and earth are united.

#### Discussion Questions:

- How does the popular image of "floating on clouds" compare to the biblical picture of the new heaven and new earth?
- What excites you most about a physical, tangible eternity?
- Read Revelation 22:1-5. What specific details stand out to you about what life will be like?

#### 3. *Time Is Different with God*

The phrase "the time is near" has been true for 2,000 years. God's perspective on time is radically different from ours (2 Peter 3:8).

#### Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think God has delayed Jesus' return for so long?
- How does understanding that "time is near" from God's perspective affect how you live today?
- What does the patience of God tell us about His character and priorities?

#### *4. We Are in Training Now*

Our faithfulness now is preparing us for ruling and reigning with Christ in eternity. We will receive rewards based on how we steward what He's given us.

##### Discussion Questions:

- If Jesus gave you complete authority over your city right now, how well prepared would you be?
- In what areas of your life are you "ruling and reigning" well? Where are you falling short?
- How does the promise of future rewards motivate you without undermining salvation by grace?

#### *5. Victory Through Suffering*

The center of all things is "the Lamb who was slain" (Revelation 5:6). Victory comes through suffering, not around it.

##### Discussion Questions:

- How does our culture's pursuit of comfort conflict with the biblical call to take up our cross?
- Share a time when you experienced God's presence or power in the midst of suffering.
- How can we hold in tension both God's power to deliver and His call to faithful endurance?

#### *6. Jesus Is the Bright Morning Star*

The morning star appears when darkness is at its deepest, signaling that dawn is coming.

##### Discussion Questions:

- When have you experienced Jesus as your "morning star" in a dark season?
- How can the church be a "morning star" to our communities?
- What hope does this give you when circumstances seem overwhelming?

## **Personal Reflection Questions**

**Eternal Perspective:** How much time do I spend thinking about eternity versus this present life?

**Faithful Witness:** Am I living as an "overcomer" or am I being enslaved by the "beast system" of this world?

**Devotional Life:** Is my relationship with God vibrant and growing, or has it become stale? What might God be calling me to?

**Kingdom Advancement:** Who is one person I could share the gospel with or disciple more intentionally?

**Suffering Well:** Where am I currently facing difficulty, and how can I respond with faith rather than fear?