

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?