

Sermon Discussion Questions

Made New – Jenn Reese

Sermon Text: Revelation 21:1-5

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AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members. Pray for those places where people see the world "winning". Pray in power that God has already won, and that the church can show hope in that situation. Be open to any word of knowledge or prophetic word you might receive from the Holy Spirit.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week's discussion concludes our series. The book of Revelation is about the revealing of Christ. It is not about focusing on the chaos and destruction of the world, but rather keeping our focus on Jesus regardless of what is happening in the world. We will be discussing how the Bible is one great story that begins with creation and ends with new creation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Did you spend extra time in worship this week? How did you choose to worship?
2. What was the most impactful point for you from Jenn's sermon? What about from the entire Revelation sermon series?
3. Jenn asked us to consider how our day-to-day habits reflect the promise of Hope promised in Revelation. If you think of your daily interactions, your thoughts, your schedule, how can you tell what they reflect?
4. The hope of God is that the sacred spaces where Heaven and the New Creation overlap will be all-encompassing. Until then, Christians are (or should be) the sacred spaces. How does it affect how you see yourself to know that you have sacred space within you?
5. Jenn gave two takeaways of how to live out God's hope now: go to church; be the church. Which one made you feel the most uncomfortable? Why?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. When the weather turns cold and snowy, are you more likely to hibernate until Spring or go spend time outside?
2. When was the last time you visited a zoo? What was your favorite animal?
3. When do you normally put-up holiday decorations? Is there such a thing as too early?

APPLICATION

Choose one of the two takeaways from this sermon. Over the next week, create a plan, schedule, or journal about how you can live the hope of New Creation by either going to church or being the church. Share your plan next time you meet.

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at <https://nwckc.com> or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website or on the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page.

Men's Breakfast, 19 November, 9:00-10:30, Red Apple Diner, 211 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City

A Turning Point – Bring new toys, underwear, and canned goods to church by 11 December

Christmas Eve Services, 23 December 6pm, 24 December 4 and 6 pm, Oak Park HS

FINAL THOUGHT

God's grace with God's people IS the end of the story.