

The B-I-B-L-E

Week Six - "The End is the Beginning"

Revelation 21:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Bottom line: Our future hope directly impacts how we live now.

- 1. How is your life today directly affected by your past? Be specific.
- 2. How is the future (your hopes, dreams, expectations, plans) impacting how you live right now? Be specific.
- 3. What do we mean when we say things like "I'm trying to be present," or "I'm working hard to live in the now."?
- 4. Why is it so hard to "be present" and "live in the now?"
- 5. Read Revelation 21:1-5
 - a. When you think about everything being made new, what do you picture? What might things be like in a new and perfect creation of heaven and earth?
 - b. How are our lives shaped differently when we think of our present as a waiting game for the good stuff that's coming?
 - c. How is it different to see ourselves as already part of the new creation?
- 6. Think back over the unified story of the Bible we've been talking about, how is it all leading to Jesus?
- 7. What is your future hope?
- 8. What are some ways you want to live differently now?