



This week's sermon
Grace and Truth About the Earth
Genesis 1 and 2

How then should we live?

1. Follow Jesus and secure your life in the new earth.
2. Interact with the world as the caretaker who gets his life from the earth.
3. Value man above animal, every time.
4. Receive the good things of earth as a gift from God, a reason to praise Him.
5. Do scientific study of the earth to the glory of God.
6. Recruit people to join you as citizens of the new earth.
7. In times of pain, wait faithfully on the relief that will come from the Lord.

Digging Deeper into the Message

Read the blog and watch the video found here: A New Heaven and a New Earth by The Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/blog/new-heaven-new-earth/>

Read Revelation 21. What do you see God doing in verses 1-7? Summarize this in your own words.

Read the description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:9-26 and then look at Hebrews 12:22-24. How do these passages speak of something that is current and still yet to come?

There are some passages that indicate that what is now will be carried over to the new earth in a restored/redeemed and glorified form. Read I Corinthians 15:50-58 and Romans 8: 18-25, what phrases do you see that speak of this?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 and 4:1-6. What is the cause of the transformation described here? What kind of relationship is implied in verse 4:6?

Read Revelation 22:1-5. How would you describe the kind of relationship that we will have when we see His face in this passage?

What difference does the present and future relationship with Jesus make in our relationships with others?

Community Group

Icebreaker: Tell about a time that a pet (yours or someone else's) created a memorable or funny situation.

Discussion Questions:

- What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think "new earth"? Read the first point. What do you think it means to follow Jesus? When do you think eternal life starts?
- Read the second point and share a way that you enjoy being a caretaker.
- The third point talks about the value of humans over animals. Why do you think some people have trouble with this concept?
- Read the fourth point. What gifts from the earth are you especially grateful for? Name some of the ways people can show praise to God in their lives.
- Read the fifth point. How does scientific study bring glory to God? What area of science do you find most intriguing?
- Read the sixth point and tell about how you first heard about Jesus. How has your life has changed as a "citizen of the new earth"?
- Read the last point. What are some ways that you have been comforted in difficult times? Identify if there are ways the group can work together to help each other in the present.

Application: Choose one of the seven points that you sense is one that is a bit of struggle for you. This week, pray and let God show you how to address it.