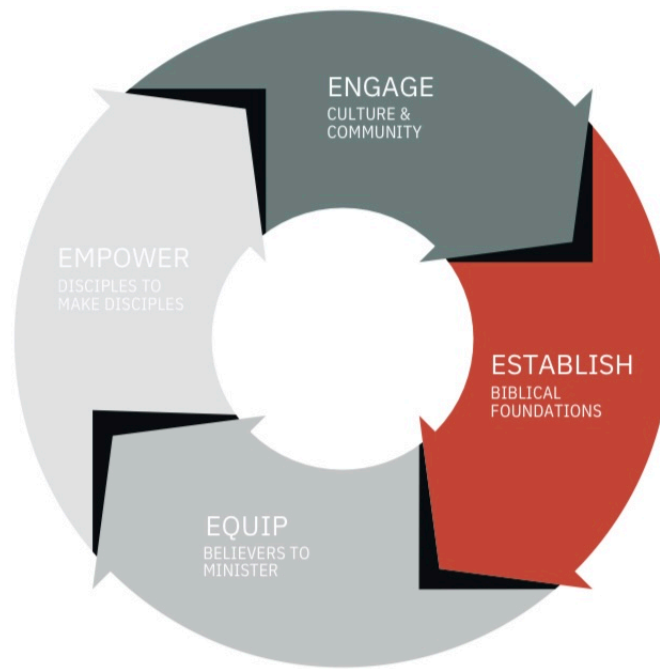


The mission of Rise Up Church is to raise disciples, empower families, and revitalize neighborhoods by the transformational power of the gospel. At Rise Up Church, our discipleship rhythm shapes how we live and expressed in four key movements that we call the 4E's. It is all about following Jesus and helping others do the same.



The purpose of our Koinonia Gatherings is to establish people in biblical foundations by building Christ-centered connections. We believe the Scriptures teaches that life change happens best in community, as we grow together in God's Word and are led by the Holy Spirit.

Below, you'll find a sermon-based guide from the most recent sermon to help lead a Rise Up Church Koinonia Gathering, along with a five day devotional designed to help you apply the sermon throughout the week.

Koinonia Gather Leaders Guide

Title: It Is Done

Focal Exegesis: God's ultimate redemption is coming through Christ – will you receive it or will you reject it?

Leader Guide

- Pray first. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and soften hearts.
- Be sensitive to people's spiritual and emotional state.
- Engage everyone. Encourage discussion and avoid dominating voices.
- Keep Scripture central. Always tie back to the Word.
- Lead with grace and truth. Speak with conviction and humility.

Sermon Summary

In Revelation 21:1–8, John gives us a prophetic glimpse of the future God is preparing—a world renewed, a creation healed, a presence restored, and a redemption declared and offered once for all! This revelation was given during a time of intense suffering when believers were pressured to idolize the Roman Empire and reject Christ. Amid this cultural compromise, John offers a vision of hope and eternal perspective. Instead of a world spiraling into decay, God is transforming creation. The New Jerusalem descends from heaven, symbolizing a covenant relationship between God and His people. This city signifies our eternal identity as the perfected bride of Christ—where brokenness is replaced with beauty and sin is defeated by grace. God's dwelling is with humanity, and the effects of sin—mourning, crying, pain, death—are no more. Jesus emphatically declares, “It is done”—summing up His redemptive mission through His death and resurrection. Redemption is offered freely through Christ, but it must be received by faith. Those who overcome inherit eternal life, while those who reject face separation from God. This passage calls us to live today with eternity in view—aligning our lives with the new world Jesus is making.

Creation Renewed (Revelation 21:1–2)

God is not discarding creation but is restoring it to its intended glory. 'New' means renewed, restored, and rejuvenated. Just as our bodies will be resurrected, so creation will be healed. The Holy City descends from heaven, symbolizing God's movement toward us. This is the culmination of a biblical theme: the covenant relationship seen in Adam and Eve, Israel's marriage language, Jesus as the Bridegroom, and the Church as His bride. In Christ, that relationship is restored forever.

Life Application Question: What area of your life feels most broken—and how does the truth of creation's renewal give you hope?

God's Presence Fully Restored (Revelation 21:3–4)

God's presence has always been His desire—from Eden to the Tabernacle to Christ's incarnation. Yet sin has caused separation. In the new creation, God's presence is permanent and personal. No more temporary visitations—He dwells among us with no barriers. Every tear is wiped by His hand. Death, grief, and pain become relics of the old order. Heaven is not just the absence of suffering but the presence of God Himself in fullness.

Life Application Question: How does the promise of God's permanent presence help you face the trials you're enduring now?

Redemption Declared – It Is Done (Revelation 21:5–6)

Jesus declares with authority: 'I am making all things new.' This isn't just future—it's happening now. If anyone is in Christ, they are already a new creation. The renewal Jesus brings touches our identity, purpose, and transformation from the inside out. As the Alpha and Omega, Jesus speaks the last word over our lives—no guilt, shame, or human failure can override His declaration.

Life Application Question: Where do you need to believe that Jesus has the final word in your present struggle?

Redemption Accepted or Rejected (Revelation 21:7–8)

There are two destinies—inheritance or separation. Overcomers are not perfect—they cling to Jesus. Through faith they inherit all the blessings: new creation, God's presence, eternal joy, and identity as His children. Redemption is grace received, not earned. Those who reject redemption share the fate of sin itself—separation from God and eternal loss. This is both a warning and a heartbreak—a refusal of love and grace offered freely.

Life Application Question: How would your life change if you lived with full confidence that you are an heir of God's kingdom?

5-Day Devotional

Day 1: Renewed Creation

Read: Revelation 21:1–2

Reflect: Meditate on what it means that God is not giving up on creation but renewing it. How does this speak to areas of your life that seem beyond repair?

Prayer: Lord, renew my hope. Restore what is broken in me and around me. Help me trust Your power to make all things new.

Day 2: God Dwells With Us

Read: Revelation 21:3–4, John 1:14

Reflect: Think about the times you've felt God's presence. What does it mean that one day His presence will be uninterrupted and eternal?

Prayer: God, draw near today. Let me experience Your peace, comfort, and closeness even as I look forward to seeing You face to face.

Day 3: The Final Word

Read: Revelation 21:5–6, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Reflect: Do you believe Jesus has the final word over your story? What areas of your life are still under the weight of guilt or shame?

Prayer: Jesus, You said, 'It is done.' Help me live in the freedom and identity You declare over me.

Day 4: Overcomers by Faith

Read: Revelation 21:7, Romans 8:14–17

Reflect: What does conquering look like in your life? Where are you drawing strength from yourself, instead of faith in Christ?

Prayer: Father, teach me to cling to Jesus in every challenge. Make me an overcomer through Your Spirit.

Day 5: The Choice is Yours

Read: Revelation 21:8, Deuteronomy 30:19–20

Reflect: Have you fully chosen redemption in Christ? What's stopping you from surrendering completely?

Prayer: Today I choose life. I choose You, Jesus. Remove anything in me that resists Your love or rejects Your grace.