

## Growth Groups Lesson

April 9 & 10

Revelation 21-22

**Spend some time praying with your group and ask for help in seeing and applying His Word.** Review and reflect on the prayer requests given the previous week. Give the Lord praise for the answers to your group's prayers.

**Recap of Chapter 20:** Satan will be chained and thrown in the abyss for a thousand years, so that he can't deceive the nations during Christ's reign over the world. Those who are martyred will come to life and reign with Christ. After His thousand-year reign, Satan will be released from his chains to deceive the nations and gather them for war. Satan will lead his armies, but will be destroyed. Then the devil, the beast, and the false prophet will be thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever. God will judge the dead, and those whose names are not written in the Book of Life will also be thrown into the lake of fire.

**Overview for chapters 21-22:** One day, the old world will be destroyed, and God will create the new heavens and new earth. The new Jerusalem will come down from heaven, where God will live among His people. This new city will have 12 gates, with an angel at each gate. Each gate will have the name of one of the 12 tribes and each of the 12 foundation stones of the wall will have the name of an apostle. The immense size of Jerusalem will be 1500 miles in length, width and height (which is well above our existing stratosphere--6 miles up). The thickness of the city wall will be 72 yards. There is no need for the sun or moon, because the glory of God will illuminate the city. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be able to come into Jerusalem. His bond servants will serve God and the Lamb. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

**“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done...” The Spirit and bride say, “Come” “Yes, I am coming quickly.”**

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

### Read Revelation 21

1. What is created according to **21:1**?
2. What is described first on the new earth? (**21:2-7**) What detail(s) stands out to you?
3. Where will God be in this new heavens and earth? Why is that significant? **Exodus 25:8, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:22-23, John 1:14, John 14:16**

John describes the kind of life we will have with God in this new heavens and earth using prophetic language. **Read Isaiah 25:6-8, Isaiah 55, Isaiah 65:17-19**

4. One day we will see the new city of Jerusalem. We will behold its glory, as described in **verses 10-27**. What details do you find amazing? What do you look forward to about the city?

### **Read Revelation 22**

John takes a reference from the river flowing from the Temple in Ezekiel 47:1-12 to describe the life God gives in the new heavens and earth. Where things were once dead and corrupted, God has made all things new.

5. What will we be doing at the throne of God? **Verses 3-4**
6. What will His bondservants also be doing, according to **verses 3 and 5**?
7. Who will the Lord send (**6**) and what is His promise (**7**)?
8. What does Christ say about Himself in **verse 16**?
9. What is the great promise we have in **verse 20**?

According to 2 Peter 3: 10-13, the destruction of the old heavens and earth will be replaced by the new heavens and earth. This truth motivates us to live holy lives for Christ.

### **Read 2 Peter 3:9-18**

10. While we wait for the Lord's second coming, He is patient toward us...for all *of us* to come to what? (**9**) This is described in more detail in **2 Cor. 7:8-10**. According to these three verses, God directed sorrow should lead us to what?
11. When the day of the Lord comes, what will happen? (**10**) Since this is going to occur, what sort of people ought we to be? (**11**)
12. What is His promise in **verse 13**?
13. If we are looking forward to His promise, what should we be doing according to **verse 14**?
14. Since our Lord desires us to be delivered (salvation) from the control of sin in our lives, what attribute enables Him to wait for us to respond (**15**)?
15. How easy is it for you to wait for the spiritual growth of a friend, spouse, family member, or yourself? Why is it so difficult to be patient?
16. How do you overcome the obstacles that make it difficult to wait for our Lord to change hearts? What do you do, as you are waiting for Him to work?

**End the evening praying.** Ask for patience and trust in God as we wait for Jesus to return.