



The REVELATION of Jesus Christ

Revelation Part 30

21.9-22.6

Leaders Guide

(Approximately 60 min)



Connect Spend time allowing group members to connect with one another relationally. (5 min)



Celebrate Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion) (5 min)



Coach Facilitate discussion using the guide below (30 min)

Focus: What Heaven will be like

Big idea: Revelation gives us five qualities (at least) of what Heaven will be like.

“There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

Rev 22:4

Read through Rev 21.9-22.6 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.



What do you think will be absent in heaven?

Overview:

In the message Sunday we looked at what Heaven will be like

We looked at the passage and learned and imagined about Heaven

There are 5 simple takeaways about Heaven:

Heaven will ...

1. be a real place
It will be a real, locatable place. God created it so it is locatable, but not in the sense of a two dimensional map of London
2. be refreshingly new
New in sense of superior value, vastly superior in a rejuvenated form.
3. dazzle us with unimaginable beauty
He uses human words and images to try to capture this beautiful place. The physical images he uses are probably figurative of materials much more beautiful for he had to use what he was familiar to us to start somewhere to describe this place.
4. perfectly satisfy
It won't just be a place where bad stuff won't be, it will be a place where all the good stuff will be. And, if you are a perfectionist, you will really love it for it will be perfectly perfect.
5. be empty of any and everything bad
(physically, mentally or emotionally). We need this hope and reminder for this 2 year covid disruption.



Discussion Questions:

Question 1: What are some things that you learned about heaven today?

Question 2: Why do you think it is important that it will be empty of any and everything bad?

Question 3: What does it mean that Heaven will perfectly satisfy?

Question 4: What is one way that you can live differently because of your deeper understanding of Heaven?



Quotes and passages from the teaching:

The challenge for us is trying to explain the colour red to person who has been blind their whole life. Describing what heaven will be is somewhat indescribable.

It will not be a place of inactivity. Rather it will be a place of wonderful, varied activity. We will worship. We will serve. We will be in put charge of stuff because Matthew 25 tells us that as we are faithful with things here he will put us in charge of many things, which mean greater opportunity here on earth and in heaven. So, God will provide many deeply satisfying activities for us to to with none of the problems that go with life and activities here on earth. One scholar said that in heaven there will be endless learning and extensive assignments.

When someone thinks of heaven and hell we look down for hell and look up for heaven. It will be a dimension of life far and above earthly life. John describes it having sky, soil, rivers, trees, gates, light (a different kind), banquet tables, crowns, music... all that will be in heaven

Have you ever been really thirsty and had that thirst quenched with a cool drink of fresh water. Do you remember how satisfying it was? Heaven will be the place of ultimate satisfaction, beyond any happiness or satisfaction we experience here.

It will not be a static place but a dynamic place. I mentioned earlier that you will have exciting opportunities for great and meaningful activity. We will continue our growth in knowledge and truth. We might say ever expanding perfection. It won't get old. You will never get bored.

On earth we all long for inner peace, joy, and fulfillment. In heaven we will experience it perfectly there. It will be a place of constant delight magnified a million times

While we are here on earth, we sigh because we want to live in that heavenly home. (2 cor 5.2, CEV)

John 14:6 ..."I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



EXPERIENCE: A time to apply

Here's an assignment,

Take some time to write down and on a response to the following question. How would you describe heaven?



Communicate

Share important information items with your group. (5 min)



Care

Spend time praying as a group. You may want to take specific prayer requests from your team members. (10 min)
