

THE BIG PICTURE

Week 10

BRBC Groups

April 25, 2021

Scripture | Revelation 21:1-5, 22-27, 22:1-6

- Ice Breaker** |
1. Where is one of the most beautiful places you have ever been? What made it so beautiful?
 2. When you think of the end of the world, what comes to mind?

- Going Deeper** |
1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
 2. Have you ever read the book of Revelation before? What thoughts do you have about it?
 3. In the message this week, Rob said he is a partial preterist, meaning he believes that much of the book of Revelation was a reference to something that was happening when John wrote. What do you think of the idea that much of Revelation was written about something happening when it was written?
 4. Read Revelation 21:1-5
 5. What does John see coming down out of heaven? What might be the significance of this part vision?
 6. What does it mean that God will "dwell" with his people?
 7. Which of the promises offered in verses 3 and 4 offers you the most comfort and hope right now, and why?
 8. What is included in everything (v5)?
 9. In the message this week, Rob said the word used for new (Kainos) meant a newness in quality, not a newness in date (neos). What would be the significance of this?
 10. What difference should it make in how we live now if we believe that God's ultimate purpose is to renew all things of this present existence?
 11. Read Revelation 21:22- 22:6
 12. Why are the temple, the sun, and the moon absent from the New Jerusalem?
 13. In what way did the ancient temple in Jerusalem serve as a signpost to something greater?
 14. Read Genesis 2:4-17
 15. What parallels do you see in what we read in Genesis and what we read in Revelation? What do you think is the significance of this?
 16. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:58, when speaking about the future hope or resurrection, writes, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know

that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Why would the work we do now not be in vain for the future eschaton¹?

17. How does our view of the eschaton affect our present?

¹ The eschaton is word used to signify the end of time.