



RESTORATION

DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

Revelation 21:1–4; 22:1–5

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you, or that was new to you?
2. What have you always thought heaven would be like? Are you familiar with the idea of floating around a magical castle, singing songs and playing harps? Or have you had a loftier view of what heaven will be like?
3. On Sunday, we considered how the biggest story concludes; yet, we also realized that the "ending" to this story is really just the beginning of a much greater story. What are you most looking forward to about the New Creation?
4. When non-believers hear talk of heaven, a few things come to their minds. What do you think non-Christians think about heaven? How can you use discussions about heaven to share the gospel with those who don't believe?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16–18. When we consider what life is like now, and all the difficulties that we experience, the glories of heaven can seem distant. Yet, the prospect of being in God's presence should fill us with hope. What are some ways that the hope of the New Creation can help you in the midst of some real struggles you're facing today?
6. Read Matthew 16:24–25. Remember last week's sermon on mission, and that Jesus is essentially calling us to die. When you think about the eternal grandeur of heaven, do the sacrifices Jesus asks us to make seem much smaller and more doable? How can you work to cultivate a hope in eternity that will fuel a life of sacrifice for the sake of Jesus?