

All Things New

Revelation 21

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A Year of Revelation

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Our God is a God of redemption. God takes what is wrong and makes it right again. God takes what is old and broken down and makes all things new. In the final few chapters of Book of Revelation, we see the Lord remaking the world. We see our God restoring and rebuilding a world that has been scared by sin.

REALIZE

1. Jesus makes all things new

- **Scripture Reference;** Isaiah 43:19
- **Leader Notes**
 - God's plan was always to send Jesus to make all things new
 - Everything we see now is temporary, but we should still care about it
 - We were made to be stewards of this earth, even though it is temporary
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What is God making new right now?

2. Behold the New Jerusalem

- **Scripture Reference;** Revelation 21:23
- **Leader Notes**
 - We can experience God with us even now, and in the New Jerusalem we will experience this fully
 - Heaven should be the next logical extension of our experience, we are experiencing it now in God's presence with us
 - Believing in Jesus is not about going to heaven when we die, it's about experiencing heaven here and now with Jesus and carrying that on into eternity
- **Question for Reflection**
 - What hope do I have in the afterlife?

3. Jesus is the light

- **Scripture Reference;** John 8:12
- **Leader Notes**
 - God reflects His light differently through each of us
 - We are all used by God differently, and that's okay

- We are all meant to reflect the light of Jesus in our own unique way
- **Questions for reflection**
 - How can Jesus be my light right now?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?