

The Presence of God

Revelation 21:1-5

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Down to Earth Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Christmas is all about the presence of God. For many people, God seems distant and unapproachable. We might think that our issues and problems are not worth God's time and energy. Yet, the good news of Jesus Christ tells us the exact opposite is true. God is not distant. God has come down to earth. Not only is God approachable, but He took the first step by joining us at the street level where we live. This is the amazing message of Christmas that we celebrate!

REALIZE

1. God desires to dwell with you.

- **Scripture Reference;** Revelation 21:1-5; John 1:14
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How does God's presence change how I see the world?

2. God's presence heals.

- **Scripture Reference;** Revelation 21:1-5; Exodus 15:26
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Where is God seeking to do something fresh?

3. Let God make all things new.

- **Scripture Reference;** Revelation 21:1-5; Isaiah 43:19
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Where do I need God to heal my heart and soul?

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?

