



4. EVERYTHING NEW PART 2

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 21:22-22:5

Intro:

No matter what is happening in the world, Jesus is still on the throne.

Hebrews 11:10

Revelation 21:22-22:5

What does John see?

1. Light (21:23-25)

God is the source of light

John 8:12

Darkness represents ignorance and evil

2. Life (22:1-2)

Adam's lost garden and Abraham's longed for city are merged together.

Ezekiel's vision of the new temple (chapter 47)

John 7:37

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True life is found in coming to Jesus with nothing, and him revealing to you that he's everything you need.

3. The Face of God (22:3-4)

Moses not allowed to see God's face (Exodus 33)

1 Corinthians 13:12

We are marked by God, becoming like Jesus

1 John 3:2

No circumstance or situation disrupts God's plans to make you more like Jesus.

Conclusion

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Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What are some things you're doing more of right now that you normally don't have time to do?
2. What's something that you do that brings life? Something you feel you were "made to do"? Why do you think you feel that way? What does that tell you about God? About yourself?
3. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Revelation 22:1-2 & Ezekiel 47:1-12. Do you see the parallels in these passages? What do John & Ezekiel's visions of heaven tell us?
2. Lent is traditionally a time when Christians temporarily give something up in order to focus on God (or "come to Jesus", like in John 7:37-38). Do you practice lent? What are some things that have been taken away from you during the COVID-19 crisis? How can you re-orient your time to replace some of those things with spiritual practices that help you focus on God? (Bible reading, prayer, meditation, silence & solitude, etc).
3. If you were to ask your non-Christian friends, "what is the meaning/ purpose of life?" what do you think they would say? If they asked you that question, what would you say? What does the Bible say?

- Read Revelation 22:3-4, 1 Corinthians 13:8-12, 1 John 3:1-3. What do these verses say about the our life's ultimate destination (or purpose)?
- Considering that ultimate destination, John (1 John 3:3) tells us to purify ourselves. What does he mean by that? Why should we do that?
- How do you see God fulfilling his purpose in your life right now?

Application:

1. Considering how differing life is right now, how can you reorient/reorganize to treat this season as a season of lent? Which spiritual practices can you implement (or strengthen), which will help you grow closer to Jesus?

Prayer:

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