

# Sermon Based Small Groups Study Questions

Creation Redeemed

[Revelation 21:1-8](#)

## Start It: Connecting with each other

1. Some people think you can be [too heavenly minded to be of earthly good](#). What do you think of that statement?
2. Describe the most meaningful wedding you have attended. In particular, what was it like seeing (or being) the bride or groom?

## Study It: Connecting with God's Word

1. This passage is often referred to as the seventh of the "Seven Last Things" that John saw in visions. What happened in the previous two visions? (See [19:7-10](#) and [19:15](#)) Why did this take place before this last vision?
2. (v. 1) How is the new heaven and earth different from the old heaven and earth? How was this God's plan from the beginning? What is meant by "passed away?" Why will there be no "sea" in the new heaven and earth?
3. (v. 2) How, in this verse, is the Holy City equated with the bride of Christ? What is the significance of this? Who is the bridegroom? (See [Matt 25:1-10](#); [Mark 2:19-20](#); [Luke 5:34-35](#))
4. (v. 3) Why can God dwell with his people in the Holy City? How does this verse fulfill the old promises (See [Lev 26:11-13](#); [Exod 25:8](#); [Jer 31:33](#); [Ezek 37:26-27](#); [Zech 8:8](#) and [Isa 7:14](#); [Matt 1:23](#))?
5. (v. 4-5) What is the result when all evil and its consequences are removed from earth? Why did John have to write down these things?
6. (vv. 6-7) What inheritance will those who overcome receive? What will God do for them? What assurance do they have? What does "overcome" mean?
7. (v. 8) What choice does John reveal from God in this verse? What two cities are contrasted (See Rev. 18:10)? What might the seven churches understand by this list? What does "second death" mean?
8. Compare Isaiah's prophecy in [Isaiah 25:8](#), [35:10](#); [43:19](#); [55:1](#); [60:11-22](#); [65:17-19](#); [66:22](#) to this passage.

## Live It: Apply the Truth of Scripture

1. How often do you think about heaven and what it will be like? How does this passage make you long for heaven? How certain are you of heaven and that you will be there?
2. What do you think is the best thing about the new heaven and earth? Is dwelling in God's presence one of them? How does this promise completely fulfill your desire for him?
3. For what reason were we created and what is our purpose as God's chosen people? (See [Lev 26:11-13](#); [Exod 25:8](#); [Jer 31:33](#); [Ezek 37:26-27](#); [Zech 8:8](#))
4. What does the word "overcome" in verse 7 mean to you today (See [Rom 8:37](#); [1 Cor 15:57](#); [1 John 5:4](#))?