

life groups

The Final Chapter
Revelation 21:1-7

Sermon Summary

All stories eventually come to an end. They all have a concluding chapter that ties together all the elements and helps make sense of the plot. Well, God's story is similar in that there is a final chapter that ties everything together, but it is different in that the story never really ends because it is an eternal story. Revelation 21 unpacks the final chapter of God's story and explains how God will restore all things to their original created intention.

Diving Into The Message

1. The world in which we live is a paradox. Psalm 19:1-2 (*The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.* ² *Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.*) explains that the world points to the glory of God, yet Paul explains in Romans 8:21, 22 that all of creation was marred by sin. In what ways can we see that creation has been negatively impacted by sin?
2. If created order as we know it will one day pass away, and a new creation will emerge, what about this creation will you be glad to see go? Using a sanctified imagination, discuss what you long to see in the new heaven and new earth.
3. Who, by the world's standard, is the most important person you have been privileged to meet? What emotions did you experience while in that person's presence? In what ways will being in the presence of God be similar and different from being in the presence of the most important person you have ever met?
4. How does knowing that we will spend eternity in a deeply intimate relationship with God motivate you now? How does it motivate you to live?
5. As we discussed earlier, sin has marred all of creation, including humans. What are the most dramatic and disturbing spiritual, emotional, and physical ways humans have been changed by the fall? What has been the most sorrowful consequence of sin you have personally experienced? How are you impacted/encouraged/motivated by knowing that in the new heaven and new earth there will be no sorrow?
6. What is one take-away from today's message and how will you apply it to your life?

Prayer Action

1. Pray for our students who will be leaving to serve in the Dominican Republic in a week.
2. April 9-15, Becky Mitchell will be leading a team to serve in Mexico. Pray the Lord puts together the right team and is already convicting the lost of Queretaro to trust Jesus.
3. In mid-April, Steve Vatter, Stevie Mitchell and Frank Downing will be flying to South Asia to share the Gospel and plant churches among Hindus. Pray they will be spiritually strong and they will encounter people who are ready to hear the Gospel.