

“Our Final Home!”

Series: *It's the End of the World... Again*

(Part 5 of 5)

Open: What picture or images come to mind as you think about heaven?

Explore: Read Revelation 21: 1-6; 22:1-21.

Some of the most reassuring words Jesus ever spoke while he was on the earth were recorded by John in his Gospel:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back, and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am going.” **John 14:1-3**

1. We may not be able to fully comprehend all aspects of heaven, but the Bible does give us several clues as to what it will be like. What do you look forward to most about spending eternity in heaven? What questions do you have about our final home?

2. Some people have suggested that heaven is a state of mind rather than a real location. But that is not what the Bible teaches. How does believing / not believing in a literal heaven impact the way people might choose to live on earth?

3. In Revelation 21:3, the voice from the throne says, *“Look, the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.”* What does that passage mean for you?

Note: Revelation 21 lists the dimensions of the Holy City. These dimensions could be symbolic, showing us that heaven will hold all of God’s people.

4. The book of Revelation ends as the book of Genesis began. The Bible opens with paradise and closes with paradise. Make a list of similarities between heaven and the Garden of Eden. What clues does the original paradise tell us about how life will be in heaven?

5. Revelation includes two final promises from God (vs. 22:7). Which promise is the most encouraging for you? How has this series impacted the way you view life and the end of the world?

Apply:

Look up the following verses (which describe what our experience in heaven will include). Reflect on those verses and think about how you will live with heaven in mind (Psalm 23:1-3; Psalm 2:4; Psalm 50:2; Psalm 91:1-2).