

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Forecast (A Look into Eternity) Week 6: The Descent of New Jerusalem *Revelation 21:1-27*

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God is building a city beyond our wildest dreams. The New Jerusalem will be a centerpiece of heaven. This heavenly city demonstrates the great value God places on community.

Kicking if off:

How do you plan on spending Mother's Day?

Discussion:

1. Reread *Revelation 21:2-3* (NIV) *I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them!"*

In what ways will we enjoy God in heaven?

2. Reread *Revelation 21:25* (NLT) *The city's gates will never be closed!*

Ancient cities closed their gates at night and when their enemies were approaching. What is the significance of the perpetually open gates of the New Jerusalem.

3. Reread *Revelation 21:22* (NIV) *On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.*

And reread *Revelation 21:14* (NIV) *The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles.*

What do these verses tell us about how Heaven relates to Israel and the church?

4. Reread *Revelation 21:11* (NCV) *The city was shining with the glory of God.*

In what way does the New Jerusalem demonstrate the nature of God?

5. Have you ever experienced a wonderful expression of Christian community? If so, tell the group about it.

6. What makes the establishment of Christian community so difficult?

7. Reread *John 17:21* (NIV) *Jesus prayed, "Father, I pray that they will be one, just as we are one."*

How can we contribute to the prayer of Jesus being answered?

Wrapping It Up:

Pray that the Lord would use you to help build greater community in his church.