

ICE BREAKER



What is your favorite "hero" story and why?

TEXT

Revelation 21:1-8 | Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

MESSAGE OUTLINE



Title: All Things New

Big Idea: God is making all things new.

Key Question: What must we grasp about God's revealed future that it will help us right now?

1. See the new reality. (vv. 1-2)

2. Hear about our new home. (vv. 3-5a)

3. Receive the promised Word. (vv. 5b-8)



DISCUSSION



- This week's passage is about God making "all things new." What are some of the things you're looking forward to seeing "made new" or restored when Jesus returns?
- Revelation 21 starts off with John's vision of the new heaven and new earth. His vision shows our earth
 passed away. Discuss your thoughts about our earth passing away. Do you find it scary? Exciting? What
 parts of this world do you find yourself wanting to hold on to?
- In the New Heaven and New Earth God will permanently dwell with us again! Share a time when you felt the presence of God strongly with you. What do you think it will be like when God dwells with us in the new earth?
- Reread Revelation 12:5b-7 and read Isaiah 55:1 and John 4:14. What is Jesus' role in today's passage? How have you experienced Jesus' "living water" on this earth and what do you think that will look like in the new earth?
- By placing your faith and trust in Jesus, you can look forward with peace and excited anticipation to God making All Things New. Have you placed your faith in Jesus? If so, how does your relationship with Jesus affect your view of the future?

LIFE APPLICATION



Revelation 21:8 talks about the second death and those who will experience it—sinners! As sinners, the saving work of Jesus is the only thing that can keep us from the lake of fire! The reality of this truth motivates us to share the good news of Jesus with the people in our lives who don't know Him.

As a group discuss how you can most clearly communicate the good news of Jesus. Think about ways that you can show and share this news with the people God has placed in your life.

PRAYER REQUESTS	

