

all things new

## REVELATION

## ICE BREAKER



What is the coolest place you've ever visited? What made it so magical to you?

## TEXT

**Revelation 21:9-22:5** | *Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.*

<sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup> He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. <sup>18</sup> The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. *(Turn to the ESV Bible to continue reading verses 21:19-22:5)*

## MESSAGE OUTLINE



**Title:** The True Eternal City

**Big Idea:** Long for and live to enter the city of God

**Key Question:** What makes the city of God glorious?

1. The layout of the city. (vv. 21:9-21)
2. The light of the city. (vv. 21:22-27)
3. The life of the city. (vv. 22:1-5)

## DISCUSSION



- What about heaven is desirable or captivating to you? How does Revelation 21-22 change or enhance your view of heaven?
- The description of the Holy City found in verses 9-21 gives us an image of a place that is both beautiful and secure, laid out perfectly to include all of God’s people. What do you think it would be like to live in a place of perfect security and inclusion?
- Reread verses 21:22-23. What does this description tell you about God’s presence in the new city? How will this change our lives?
- Verse 22:1-5 describe life in the new city. How does the purity of the heavenly city exhort and challenge us to live today?
- Could you be happy in heaven if Jesus was not there? Why or why not? How do you think your answer to that question informs your view of eternal life?

## LIFE APPLICATION



Our view of heaven is often informed by books, movies, or tv shows. We think of heaven as an ethereal place in the clouds with cherub angels wearing halos and donning wings, playing harps and basking in the fresh air and bright white light. How did today’s study of heaven change your perception?

As a group talk about how what you learned today will lead to a change in the way you live this week.

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS




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