

5. Which of the four gifts of Creation that are restored in the New Creation most resonate with you?

6. How should this vision of the New Creation impact your life now?

7. What are your next steps in learning more about the Story of God and how to bring it to your daily life?

Missional Application

God calls us to live in light of his promise to make all things new.

Christ Connection

This present age will come to an end when Christ returns to fulfill his promises and reign with his people for all eternity. The relationship lost in the garden when Adam sinned will be gloriously restored when the garden city is unveiled and Jesus wipes away every tear from every eye. The way to be part of God's new world is to be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb shed for our redemption.

The God Who Makes All Things New (Part 5)

“Understanding God’s Personal Invitation”

Revelation 21 – 22

FROM CREATION TO NEW CREATION

Too often Christians think of the story as if it begins with our failure and ends in heaven or _____.

Why is this important?

- Our faith (following Jesus) is an _____ faith and journey.
- We will _____ what we’re supposed to get from the story of God.
- The Gospel is more than the _____ of salvation.

If you look at Jesus’ teaching, he was much more concerned with getting his kingdom to _____ than with getting people to heaven.

- We’ll better understand God’s _____.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

Revelation 21:1; Romans 8:20-21

- A New _____

A day is coming when not only the presence but also the _____ of evil will be eliminated from heaven.

- A New _____

3 PICTURES OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

- A _____ (Revelation 21:2-3)

The old Jerusalem had a holy place for God's dwelling; the new Jerusalem _____ a holy place for God's dwelling.

- A _____ (Revelation 21:2)

The image of a bride captures the _____ of what lies ahead.

"Your eternal destiny will either be one of delight or of desolation. It will either be everlasting love or everlasting loss. There is nothing in between." (Colin Smith)

- A _____ (Revelation 22:2-3)

4 GIFTS RESTORED AND RENEWED

- A Place to Call _____
- A Purpose to _____ (Revelation 22:3-5)
- Partners for the _____ (Revelation 21:9-14,22-26)
- The _____ of God (Revelation 22:4-5)

Family Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to see the story of God as beginning with Creation and ending with New Creation?
2. The shape of the New Heaven is a cube. Why is this important?
3. How does God make it possible to once again dwell with us?

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What is one of the greatest invitations you've ever received (apart from God's invitation to follow Jesus)?
3. Why is it important to see the story of God as beginning with Creation and ending with New Creation?
4. Read Revelation 21-22. What aspects of the New Creation resonate most with you?