



## Small Group Participant Guide

### Revelation 21:1-27 | What Jesus said about...heaven

**Key Verse:** "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. (Revelation 21"3-4, ESV)"

**Objectives:** Through your time exploring this passage, you will:

**Explore** the details of heaven

**Personalize** the promises of heaven

**Discuss** the significance of heaven, in regard to daily life

**Apply** the implications for living, in sight of heaven and eternity

#### The Personality of Heaven (Revelation 21:1-8)

When you read this passage, what are some of the details that speak to you about the intimacy of heaven or on the emphasis on relationship?

Which of these details is most significant to you and why?

Why do you think God will institute a new heaven and a new earth?

What is the significance of verses 5 and 6 to you?

Why do you think verse 8 is important to include in this description?

#### The Presentation of Heaven (Revelation 21:9-21)

What are some of the descriptions that present heaven (the new Jerusalem) as the Bride? Why do you think these details matter?

Why do you think it is significant that the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles are included in the details about heaven's wall??

Using modern equivalents, the walls around the New Jerusalem indicate the city is approximately 1,500 miles by 1,500 miles, but also ascending 1,500 miles. The city within this wall is made of pure gold. What is significant about John 14:2-3, considering this entire passage, and the dimensions of the New Jerusalem?

### The Promises of Heaven (Revelation 21:22-27)

How are you affected by verse 22 that declares there is no temple, for God and Jesus is the temple in heaven?

What are promises you see in verses 23-26, and what implications do these promises have on you, personally?

Verse 27 makes clear that only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and nobody who does anything detestable will enter the new City, nor will anything unclean be permitted in there. How does this promise shape your hope and expectations of heaven?

How does all that Jesus says and reveals in His Word about the Bible (and your place in it) affect or influence your life now?

### Jesus in Focus

Where in this study do you see Jesus: Christ-like practices, examples, principles?

What are some other Scriptures that come to mind or are relevant to this chapter's themes, teachings, or emphases?

What is one "take-away" for you from this chapter?