

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Holy Forever

In Revelation, John gives us a glimpse into what holiness forever means and what it looks like for us. Holiness forever is the heaven that is waiting for us because of Jesus Christ. *Revelation 19:11-16*
Holiness forever is a new creation of the garden God created for Adam and Eve. *Revelation 21:1-5*

Heaven is UNIMAGINABLE - You can trust God's Word. It is not like our words. His holiness guarantees His faithfulness. God cannot lie. Jesus is the proof of His love, mercy and justice. What went wrong in the garden is being made right. That is a promise. What is your earliest memory of understanding heaven as a child? How have you pictured heaven as an adult?

Genesis 3; Revelation 21:5; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

Heaven is INDESCRIBABLE – We can't comprehend eternity or forever because as human beings we have limited capacity and are bound by time. God promises the reality of an eternal heaven for those who believe (the victorious) and an eternal hell for those who refuse Jesus (the cowardly). John's vision of the New Jerusalem is very specific, and it is huge! (The distance from Winnipeg to Dallas and Detroit to Yellowstone, plus the same distance high, or as high as only spaceships can go. All of the earth's crust will fit into the holy city.) God will fill every cubic millimeter of it with His holy presence. Its gates will never be closed because there will be no evil to be kept out. What part of John's vision of heaven stands out for you? Why? What is your understanding of what hell is? Why do you think this specific vision of the holy city was revealed by God to John?

Revelation 21:6-14; Revelation 21:15-17; Revelation 21:22-27

Heaven is AVAILABLE – not just someday, but TODAY. Every time you surrender your will to His, every time you choose forgiveness over bitterness, every time you turn away from sin, every time you love your neighbor, you're letting His holiness shape you into someone who belongs in the holy city. How do you feel God is preparing you for heaven/the holy city NOW? What might your role be in helping others to be prepared?

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Make it Real

- Live as citizens of the holy city. Let God's holiness in you draw others to Him. Let His light shine through your words, your integrity, your love.
- Share your faith with others so you can take them with you to the New Jerusalem.