

King of Kings

Life Group Discussion Questions – December 26, 2021

Jesus will be King of Kings in the new **CREATION**

John's vision of Everlasting Heaven and Earth Rev 21-22
Key: Lord God Almighty = **Father**; Lamb = **Jesus**

John's **GENERAL** observations 21:22-27

1. Jesus is the **TEMPLE** of heaven vs. 22

His **PRESENCE** fills every corner

We live **CONTINUOUSLY** in His presence

2. Jesus is the **LIGHT** of heaven vs. 23

He **SUSTAINS** the heavenly existence

► Outcomes

Everyone will find **EQUITY**, equality, unity, harmony vs. 24

Everyone will find **SECURITY**, safety, and rest vs. 25

Everyone will **FOCUS** on God and the Lamb vs. 26

Everyone will enjoy a perpetually **HOLY** community vs. 27

John's **SPECIFIC** observations 22:1-5

3. Jesus is on the **THRONE** of heaven

► Outcomes

Everyone will live in perpetually renewed **HEALTH** vs. 2

Everyone will be free to focus on **SERVING** Jesus vs. 3

Everyone will experience **INTIMACY** with Jesus vs. 4

Everyone will live in this experience **FOREVER** vs. 5

Revelation 21:22-23 *I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.*

DISCOVER

1. When you think of heaven, what do you think of? What's your imagery? What has formed your understanding of heaven?
2. What do you look forward to the most about the New Creation?
3. Who is someone in your life in whose face you love to gaze? How do you feel when they gaze back into your eyes? (see Matthew 5:8)

EXPLORE

1. How is Revelation 22:1-6 the same as the Garden of Eden? What is the significance of its differences to the Garden of Eden? (see Genesis 2:8-17)
2. What was the function of the temple in the Old Testament? Why is there no need for a temple in heaven?
3. Read Revelation 22:1-2. List all the earthly images that are noted. How does this imagery in these two verses contrast with your idea of a perfect and everlasting heaven?
4. What was it about the Tree of Life that God had to banish humanity from it in Genesis? Why is it now reintroduced in New Jerusalem? What does it represent?
5. Among other things, Revelation 22:5 promises that we will reign with Jesus forever and ever. Using your imagination, what do you think some of our responsibilities will be as we reign? What does that say about our transformed state?

EXPERIENCE

1. What comes to mind when you consider you will always be in Jesus' presence? What does this say about Him? How can you be continually in Jesus' presence today?
2. What personal pains or mourning will you be glad to see removed in the New Earth? What particular affliction removal among your family and friends will you most celebrate? How can you prepare for these eventualities?

PRAY

Pray...Father in Heaven, thank You that the day is coming when You will make a New Heaven and a New Earth, where there will be no longer any groanings because there will no longer be any curse. I can hardly wait for the day that I will be forever in Your presence. Thank You, Father, that You are restoring what was lost in our lives and thereby, restoring the glory and honor of Your Great Name, that You so rightly deserve. Thank You that even at this very moment You are making all things new.

Action...Knowing that your eternal destiny in Heaven is utterly secure, what one thing will be different in your life today as a result of this understanding?