

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Pastor Jeff opened Revelation 22 to talk about what God's word says heaven is like. One of the ways it is described is "paradise" and that New Jerusalem will literally be a place on earth.

If you had to pick one place on earth, how would you describe paradise? Mountains, beach, warm weather, snow, etc...

Digging In

Read Revelation 22:1-5

Question 1: Read Revelation 22:1. This verse describes a river flowing from the throne of God, with the Lamb of God. Compare Jesus' words to the woman at the well in **John 4:13-14**? How does what Jesus offers her relate to what John describes in Revelation 22. **Read Jeremiah 2:13:** What is the warning to us? What does Jesus offer to us as the living water? Why are we often reluctant to take what he freely offers? What are you putting in your life as a replacement of the true "living water?"

Question 2: Read Revelation 22:2. The Tree of Life, with the river of water, will produce fruit that will sustain all of life in heaven. Back in **Genesis 3:22-24**, all of humanity was banned from the garden. What is the significance of this tree being open now to eat of? What picture does that produce for us about all Jesus has done? **Revelation 2:7** promised that those in heaven will be given access to eat from the Tree of Life! What does that look like and mean in your life? Why is that significant?

Read John 6:32-40.

Question 3: Read Revelation 22:3. There will no longer be a curse over people and the earth. The curse that God placed on the earth because of sin entering in the world will be gone (**Genesis 3:14-19**). How has the curse of sin this week affected you? Whether it be from your own personal sin, or the effects of sin in our world. How do these verses remind you of what Jesus has done for you? How will this perspective change the way you look at work, your family, your relationships this week?

Question 4: Read Revelation 22:4. We will see Jesus perfectly, and His name will be upon us! Let this reality sink in... one day, in Christ, you will be with Him. What does that do to your affections? How does that reality shape the way you approach Him?

Read Exodus 33:20-23. Moses literally could not look directly at God or he would die.

Read Matthew 5:8. Jesus promises, that we will see God one day, because He will make us PURE.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?