

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

SERMON GUIDE

GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE

Revelation 22

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to know you: Revelation 19-22 are the culmination of the entire story of the Bible, and the fulfillment of all our hope. Chapter 22 presents a vision of a new heaven and a new earth where God will dwell with His people in a perfect, restored world.

The imagery—a tree of life and a river of life from which all can eat and drink freely—bringing lasting peace and joy. Much of the symbolism points to this reality: One day, all of creation will be a temple – the place where God dwells with his people.

Read Revelation 22

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** From Revelation chapter 22, what are some things you notice about new heaven and new earth described in this chapter? What will it look like and how will everyday life operate? How do these changes contrast with our current world?
- O** What details about our relationship to God are highlighted in this chapter? How will we relate to God in the new heaven and new earth? What will our relationship be to God?
- O** In verses 4 and 5, there is a focus on the presence of God and the absence of night. How do these elements shape your understanding of life in the new creation?
- O** Talk about what it might look like for us to "serve" (work) and "reign" with God in a perfect place like the new heaven and new earth (from verses 3 and 5)? [Note: The NIV translates verse 3 as "his servants will serve him."]
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** How is the reading today impacting your understanding of why we gather to worship today? How will you approach your private and public worship differently this week?
- A** In verse 5 it says that "The Spirit and the bride say come." We (as God's people) are considered to be his bride. How might it change your personal and corporate worship practices to see all worship as a cry for Jesus to return? How might you think, act, or feel differently while worshipping alone or with the church body?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide the direction you need.