



Sermon Study Guide for May 15, 2022

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man." When the new heaven and the new earth come forth, God will make all things new. There will be no more tears, death, mourning, crying or pain. Come, Lord Jesus!

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. Is new always better than old? Or is old better than new?
2. When you hear talk of the new heaven and the new earth, or think of the end times, what comes to mind with how God will interact with His people?

In the Word: John 16:12-22

3. Why were the disciples so distraught over what Jesus tells them in verse 16? And why didn't they understand what he was saying?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says that as they mourn the world will rejoice? And what will ultimately turn their grief to joy?
5. **Read Revelation 21:1-7** The word used for dwell in verse 3, can also mean to tabernacle, or to dwell. What does that remind you of? What does that show of God's coming down to earth?
6. What beauty is shown in the fact that the new Jerusalem is coming down out of heaven?

7. What is the hope given in verses 4 and 5? Why is that exclamation from the throne, “I am making everything new!” such an important exclamation?

8. “To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.” What other verses come to mind hearing this verse, and what is the importance of it?

9. Verse 7 is our final verse from Revelation 21 in this reading. How will you be victorious? Is it something you will do? And what does it truly mean to be God’s children?

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

10. What hope do these verses give you for living your life? What hope do you receive about eternal life, and how can you share that with others?

11. The “end times” are always a hot topic of discussion. There are always people predicting when the world might end, or how it might end. What hope and comfort can you bring to these conversations?

Prayer: Thank God that our joy is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank God that when he comes again to take back His world, that He will take away all sorrow and pain. Ask God that he would grant comfort and peace to any that you may know that are struggling with sorrow and pain. Ask God to give you His strength as we endure in this world and as we share His Gospel message. Thank God that He will make us all new when he brings the new heaven and earth.

Next Week: The conversion of Lydia shows that the Lord is in control, yet He calls us to speak about Him to let the Spirit do His work.