



Sermon Discussion Guide


A Beautiful Tomorrow

Revelation 21:1-6

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Revelation 21:1-6. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 How do you feel like your future is shaping up? Do you get caught up in the increasing cynicism and pessimism of our culture? Why or why not?
- 2 What was your one big/main takeaway from the service? If someone had arrived as everyone was leaving, and they stopped you in the parking lot and asked, "What was the sermon about?" what would you have said?

A BEAUTIFUL TOMORROW: NEW HOME

- 3 How is the heaven Ray described from the Bible different from the concept of heaven most people have in their minds? What is the most beautiful place you have ever been? Can you believe that it will not even compare to the new heavens and the new earth?
- 4 How would you respond to someone who says, "If you are too heavenly minded you will be no earthly good"?

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- 5 Ray said, “You don’t go shopping when you’re hungry,” and “we are the most prosperous nation ever yet we are awash in anti-depressants.” How did he relate these statements to our spiritual condition?
- 6 In heaven we will be completely known and completely loved. Have you ever felt completely known and completely loved? How does it change you when you are?
- 7 How is Jesus is like the couple who moved to Uganda in order to adopt their child?

A BEAUTIFUL TOMORROW: NEW LIFE

- 8 Nothing is so ugly as death. Death is the enemy. Death is not natural. When was the last time you had to deal with death? How did you respond?
- 9 In heaven there will be no more mourning, no more crying, no more pain. One day everything sad will come untrue. What is something sad you want to become untrue?
- 10 In your own words, how do you get the beautiful tomorrow?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?