

# GLIMPSE OF THE AFTERLIFE

# WEEK 3: A CITY LIKE NO OTHER

## ***Welcome***

In your opinion, what movie or series portrayed heaven and/or God in a memorable way?

## ***Worship***

Pick 6 people from the group to read 2 verses from **Psalm 84** (starting with verses 1-2, then verses 3-4, etc.), and then say a brief prayer of whatever God brings to mind after reading those verses.

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## **Word**

Read Revelation 21:9-27.

1. What imagery in **Revelation 21:9-27** stands out to you the most, and why do you think that imagery is used to describe Heaven?

2. Revelation 21 provides detailed descriptions of the New Jerusalem, including its size, materials, the absence of sin, etc. (in the video lesson, Michael even measured the walls by miles across the USA). What does this vision teach us about God's holiness. How does this passage increase your anticipation of Heaven?

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3. Read **Revelation 21:23-24**. What would your life look like if the only validation you needed was God Himself? Where in your life do you currently need the illumination of God's light?

4. What do **Revelation 7:9-10** and **21:24-26** teach about the diversity (multi-ethnicity) that will be present in heaven?

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5. According to **2 Peter 3:10-14**, how should both Jesus' return and the New Heavens & New Earth impact a Christians' life?

## ***Witness***

Give an update on the person that you want to share Jesus with.

Look at some opportunities on Shepherd Church's GO Teams webpage (<https://shepherdchurch.com/page/1880>) and consider if there is an outreach or service that your Life Group could do together.

## ***Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for the Week***

- Memorize 2 Peter 3:13.
- What similarities do you notice between Isaiah 65:17-20 and Revelation 21:1-5?
- Revelation 21 lists the twelve gates and the twelve foundations, each representing the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles of the Lamb. What does this signify about the continuity and fulfillment of God's promises through both the Old and New Testaments?
- Revelation 21 describes the New Jerusalem as a place with no temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. What does this tell us about the nature of worship and the presence of God in Heaven?