

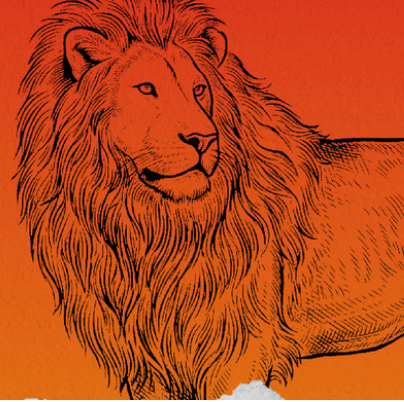


Life Group
Discussion
Guide

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*Living the Vision
of Revelation*



Sermon Summary: As Revelation comes to its breathtaking conclusion, John is given one final vision of God's restored creation; a world where the curse is removed, the Tree of Life brings healing to every nation, and God's people dwell forever in His presence. But rather than ending as a distant picture of heaven, the final chapter turns its focus to the present, reminding believers that while Christ's victory has already been secured, we still live in the tension of waiting for His return. Throughout that waiting, Jesus repeatedly declares, "I am coming soon," calling His followers to remain faithful, worship God alone, and live lives shaped by the hope of His promises rather than the values of the world. At the heart of the chapter is one of Scripture's greatest invitations: "Come." Jesus freely offers the water of life to every thirsty soul, inviting both believers and unbelievers to receive His grace today, not someday. As the Church waits expectantly for Christ to make all things new, it also joins the Spirit in extending that same invitation to the world, living as faithful witnesses until the day we all proclaim together, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Conversation Starter: What's a place where you feel completely at peace or where life feels "the way it's supposed to be"? What is it about that place that makes you feel that way?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for the hope we have through Your victory over sin and death. As we gather today, quiet our hearts and open our minds to Your Word. Help us live faithfully as we wait for Your return, trusting Your promises and responding to Your invitation to come closer to You each day. Guide our conversation by Your Holy Spirit, and encourage us through one another's faith. Amen.

Read Scripture together: Revelation 22: 1-21; optional Colossians 3:1-17

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- The sermon described Revelation 22 as a picture of creation restored. What stands out most to you about John's vision of the New Creation? Why?
- Jesus says several times, "I am coming soon." How does that promise give you hope and perspective in the middle of everyday life?
- The sermon emphasized that our identity comes from who we belong to, not what we've accomplished. Why is that distinction so important for the Christian life? Where do you find yourself tempted to earn God's approval instead?
- The invitation "Come" appears throughout this chapter. What do you think Jesus is inviting you to today?
- If you truly lived with the expectation that Jesus could return at any time, what is one practical way your priorities, relationships, or actions would change this week?
- Jesus freely offers the "water of life" to everyone who is thirsty. Why do you think people often look elsewhere before coming to Christ? What "wells" do people chase today that ultimately leave them thirsty?
- (Deeper Dive) Revelation ends with both incredible hope and real urgency. The Church prays, "Come, Lord Jesus," while also inviting others to come to Him before that day arrives. How do we faithfully hold those two priorities together—longing for Christ's return while remaining deeply invested in His mission here and now?

Memory Verse: "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let the one who hears say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."

Revelation 22:17 (NIV)

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for inviting us into Your kingdom, not because we have earned it, but because of Your grace. As we leave today, help us live with joyful expectation of Your return while faithfully serving You in the present. Fill us again with the living water that only You can give, and make us people who gladly invite others to come and know You. Give us courage to share the hope we have, perseverance to remain faithful, and confidence that Your promises are trustworthy and true. Until the day You return, may Your grace sustain us.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.