

Unveiling The Blessing

MENS BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

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REVELATION

Prologue - Revelation 1:1-3

Open it

1. What outlandish predictions about the future have you heard at one time or another?
2. Why do you think people are often interested in studying the book of Revelation?

Explore It

1. For whose benefit did God intend the book of Revelation? (1:1)
2. What did God want us to learn from the book of Revelation? (1:1)
3. How much of the revelation he received did John report? (1:2)
4. What is promised to those who take the time to study this revelation? (1:3)
5. What did John urge his readers to do? Why? (1:3)

Get It

1. How does it make you feel to realize that God wants us to know what the future holds?
2. What are some ways God might bless us through a study of Revelation?

Apply It

What commitment can you make today that will help you get the most out of your study of Revelation?

Greetings and Doxology - Revelation 1:4-8

Open it

1. With what typical phrases do you open and close your letters (emails)?
2. What is the most moving worship experience you have ever been a part of? Why?

Explore It

1. How did John greet his readers in Christ's name? (1:4)
2. What is Jesus' attitude toward Christians? (1:5)
3. In what way does Jesus make all believers new? (1:6)
4. What prophecy opens this book? (1:7)
5. By what unique description does God explain Himself in this passage? (1:8)

Get It

1. How should we act in light of the fact that we have been freed from our sins?
2. What changes need to take place in your life to reflect the truth that Jesus may return at any moment?

Apply It

What commitment can you make today that will help you get the most out of your study of Revelation?

One Like a Son of Man - Revelation 1:9-20

Open it

1. When was a situation in which you sensed the presence of God?
2. What is the most frightened you have ever been?

Explore It

1. Why was John where he was when he received this revelation? (1:9)
2. Whom did John observe standing behind him? (1:13)
3. Why did Jesus comfort and reassure John? How? (1:17-18)
4. What did Jesus tell John to do? (1:19)
5. How did Jesus interpret the meaning of the seven stars and golden lampstands? (1:20)

Get It

1. What overall impression does this passage give you about Jesus Christ?
2. How might you have felt in John's place?

Apply It

In what ways can you remind yourself today of the awesome nature and power of Christ?

To the Church in Ephesus - Revelation 2:1-7

Open it

1. Why does love—even the most fervent and committed love—sometimes grow cold over time?
2. What is something you remember loving dearly as a child that you eventually outgrew?

Explore It

1. Who was addressing John with this message? (2:1)
2. Jesus praised the church at Ephesus for what deeds? (2:2-3)
3. How did the church at Ephesus need to change? (2:5)
4. What warning was given to the church if it failed to obey Christ's words? (2:5)
5. What final promise was made to "him who overcomes"? (2:7)

Get It

1. How would you assess the health of your relationship with Christ right now?
2. How can we keep our commitment to Christ from waning over time?

Apply It

What is one step you can take this week to build the quality of perseverance in your faith?

To the Church in Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11

Open it

1. How does talk of death and dying affect you?
2. What is the most hurtful thing anyone has ever done to you because of something you stood for?

Explore It

1. What did Christ say about some so-called Jews in Smyrna? (2:9)
2. What prophetic warning did Christ give to the church in Smyrna? (2:10)
3. How long would the church in Smyrna suffer? (2:10)
4. What challenge did Christ give His audience? (2:10)
5. What final promise was made to "him who overcomes"? (2:11)

Get It

1. What kinds of persecution do Christians face today?
2. How can the eternal promises of God give us courage and strength in the face of attacks on our stand for Christ?

Apply It

What steps can you take today to build your courage against persecution?

To the Church in Pergamum - Revelation 2:12-17

Open it

1. What do you consider to be the most evil or sinful place on earth? Why?
2. What strange philosophy or common misconception (urban myth, old wives' tale, etc.) do you consider most dangerous? Why?

Explore It

1. Where was the church of Pergamum said to be located? (2:13)
2. What good deeds had the church at Pergamum done? (2:13)
3. What were the believers at Pergamum doing wrong? (2:14-15)
4. What command did Christ give to this church in light of its dangerous direction? (2:16)
5. What did Jesus promise to "him who overcomes"? (2:17)

Get It

1. In what ways could it be said that Satan lives in your city?
2. How can we resist the influence of the world around us?

Apply It

In what way can you include repentance in your daily devotions this week?

To the Church in Thyatira - Revelation 2:18-29

Open it

1. What would be good or bad about having the ability to read others' minds? Why?
2. What are the three best habits you have?

Explore It

1. For what did Christ praise the church at Thyatira? (2:19)
2. For what did Christ chastise the church at Thyatira? (2:20)
3. What challenge did Christ give to those who resisted Jezebel's teaching and sinful behavior? (2:24-25)
4. What two gifts were promised to "him who overcomes"? (2:26-28)
5. In addition to the church at Thyatira, who else was commanded to pay heed to this message? (2:29)

Get It

1. What sins do we tend to tolerate in our own lives or in the lives of our Christian friends when we should not?
2. When we are misled by others, what can we do to correct our mistakes? How?

Apply It

What can you do this week to grow and add to your service for Christ?

To the Church in Sardis - Revelation 3:1-6

Open it

1. What is the absolute dirtiest (we're talking mud and slime here) you've ever gotten?
When and how did it happen?
2. When are you most prone to being lazy?

Explore It

1. What was the reputation of the church at Sardis? (3:1)
2. What did Christ think about the church at Sardis? (3:1-3)
3. What warnings did Christ issue to the church at Sardis? (3:2)
4. How do we know that not all the Christians in Sardis were "asleep"? (3:4)
5. What blessings were promised to those who would "overcome"? (3:5)

Get It

1. Why isn't it enough just to know what God wants from us?
2. In what specific areas of Christian devotion (Bible reading, evangelism, prayer, etc.) have you been lazy or sleepy over the last month?

Apply It

What can you do to improve your acts of Christian devotion (prayer, Bible reading, etc.)?

To the Church in Philadelphia - Revelation 3:7-13

Open it

1. What are some examples of progress we've seen in the last ten years?
2. What groups would you cite as the biggest present-day enemies of the church?

Explore It

1. What humbling act did Jesus say He would force the enemies of the church of Philadelphia to perform? (3:9)
2. Why will the world experience an "hour of trial"? (3:10)
3. What was promised to the church at Philadelphia because of its patient endurance? (3:10)
4. How did Jesus instruct the believers in Philadelphia to prepare for His coming? (3:11)
5. In addition to the church at Philadelphia, who else was encouraged to heed this message? (3:13)

Get It

1. What do you think about the idea that the world is getting better and better?
2. What can we do to prepare for Christ's return?

Apply It

How can you pray this week as a result of your study?

To the Church in Laodicea - Revelation 3:14-22

Open it

1. What is the nastiest food or drink you ever tasted?
2. What are some foods or drinks that taste better cold or hot than at room temperature?

Explore It

1. How did Jesus describe the church at Laodicea? (3:15)
2. What response did Jesus promise to the Laodicean church because of its behavior? (3:16)
3. In what ways was the Laodicean church deceived? (3:17)
4. What invitation was given to individual Christians in Laodicea? (3:20)
5. How did Christ conclude His message to this wayward church? (3:22)

Get It

1. What does a lukewarm Christian act like?
2. In what ways can a person be religious yet indifferent to what God wants?

Apply It

What steps can you take this week to keep from being indifferent to what God wants?

The Throne in Heaven - Revelation 4:1-11

Open it

1. What do you most look forward to about heaven?
2. What is a place or experience that is difficult for you to describe to others?

Explore It

1. After receiving messages for the seven churches, what did John see? (4:1)
2. How did John describe the one sitting on a throne? (4:3)
3. What attribute of God did the four living creatures praise again and again? (4:8)
4. How did the twenty-four elders worship the Lord God? (4:9-10)
5. Why did the elders say God was worthy of their worship? (4:11)

Get It

1. What does it mean to worship God?
2. What changes are you moved to make when you reflect on the holiness and majesty of God Almighty?

Apply It

How can you begin today to make praise and worship of God a more regular part of your life?

The Scroll and the Lamb - Revelation 5:1-14

Open it

1. What kind of books do you like to read? Why?
2. What foreign language were you first exposed to? When and how?

Explore It

1. What loud proclamation did a mighty angel make? (5:2)
2. What was John's reaction when the scroll could not be opened? (5:4)
3. What did the Lamb that John saw look like? (5:6)
4. For what was the Lamb praised and worshipped? (5:9-10)
5. What were all the other living creatures doing and singing? (5:13)

Get It

1. What did Christ do for us?
2. How can we serve God as His priests?

Apply It

How can you develop an attitude of praise and thanksgiving to God as you go throughout your day?

The Seals - Revelation 6:1-17

Open it

1. What do you picture the end of the world being like?
2. Given the human power and authority, what would you do to try to bring about lasting peace and prosperity on earth?

Explore It

1. What happens in the opening scenes of this passage? (6:1)
2. How are the second horse and its rider described? (6:4)
3. How did the voice that John heard explain the meaning of the scales in the hand of the third rider? (6:6)
4. What answer was given the slain ones? (6:11)
5. How did the inhabitants of earth respond to the events unleashed by the breaking of the seals? (6:15-17)

Get It

1. How does reading this passage make you feel?
2. What does God want us to do as we wait for Him to judge the earth?

Apply It

How can you help a non-Christian friend or family member see his or her need for Christ?

144,000 Sealed - Revelation 7:1-8

Open it

1. What forms of identification do you typically carry?
2. How might you prove ownership of your valued possessions?

Explore It

1. Who did John see after the breaking of the first six seals? (7:1)
2. What did the angel from the east have in his possession? (7:2)
3. When were the angels given permission to "harm the land and the sea"? (7:3)
4. What people were marked? How? (7:4)
5. How many individuals were sealed from each of the 12 tribes of Israel? (7:4-8)

Get It

1. How has God marked or sealed His people?
2. What mark of ownership is there in your life-style that shows God's possession of your life?

Apply It

How do you need to alter your routine to reflect the fact that God owns every area of your life?

The Great Multitude in White Robes - Revelation 7:9-17

Open it

1. What are some things about earth you won't miss in heaven?
2. What is the hardest you ever cried in grade school?

Explore It

1. What were the people John saw wearing and holding? (7:9)
2. What were the angels, the elders, and the four creatures saying to God and about God? (7:12)
3. How did the elder explain the identity of those wearing the white robes? (7:14)
4. What is the main job of the believers who come out of the great tribulation? (7:15)
5. What blessings await those who are martyred in the great tribulation? (7:16-17)

Get It

1. What does it mean to you that "a great multitude" will serve God day and night in His heavenly temple?
2. What new insights into the character of God does this passage give you?

Apply It

How can you imitate God today in leading someone to Him or comforting a friend in grief?

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer - Revelation 8:1-5

Open it

1. In what ways can silence be good or helpful?
2. How would you describe heaven to a friend?

Explore It

1. What happened in heaven upon the opening of the seventh seal? (8:1)
2. What did John see after the opening of the seventh seal? (8:2)
3. What was given to the creatures seen by John? (8:2)
4. What was the angel at the altar assigned to do? (8:3)
5. What happened on the earth after the angel's actions? (8:5)

Get It

1. What is dramatic about silence in heaven?
2. What does this passage teach us about prayer?

Apply It

How much time would be willing spend throughout your days to just simply talk to God?

The Trumpets - Revelation 8:6-9:21

Open it

1. What do you think of when you think of a "trumpet blast"?
2. Why do you think some people believe that everyone will go to heaven (that is, no one will be punished or sent to hell by God)?

Explore It

1. What did the seven angels who stand before God prepare to do? (8:6)
2. What were the trumpet blasts that John heard? (8:7-8, 10, 12; 9:1, 13-15)
3. What events followed the fourth angel's trumpet blast? (8:12)
4. What special powers did the creatures from the Abyss have? (9:4-6)
5. How were the few human survivors affected by these horrible plagues and catastrophes? (9:20-21)

Get It

1. What significance is there to the plagues that will befall the world in the final days?
2. How can you use what you've learned in Revelation as a tool in talking with non-Christian friends who are looking for spiritual answers?

Apply It

In what areas of your life do you need to turn away from wrong attitudes and actions this week so that you can avoid the disciplining hand of God?

The Angel and the Little Scroll - Revelation 10:1-11

Open it

1. About what beloved hobbies or special interests of yours might someone remark, "He/she can't get enough of that!"
2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being ghastly and 10 being great), how good are you at keeping secrets?

Explore It

1. What command did John receive from heaven? (10:4)
2. What announcement did the angel make? (10:6-7)
3. What did the angel tell John to do with the little scroll? (10:9)
4. What happened when John ate the scroll? (10:10)
5. What is the last thing John was told at this time? (10:11)

Get It

1. What do you think is symbolized by John's eating the scroll of God's words and finding it sweet in his mouth and sour in his stomach?
2. In what situations has God's Word ever tasted sweet at first hearing but then sour as you "digested" it?

Apply It

Who in your life has God called you to speak His truth to this week?

The Two Witnesses - Revelation 11:1-14

Open it

1. Why are some people so turned off by "fire and brimstone" type preachers?
2. Why do you think so many people are gleeful to learn of the moral failures of prominent Christians?

Explore It

1. What part of the temple was John to exclude from his "fact-finding mission"? (11:2)
2. What important "end times" individuals are mentioned in this passage and what will be their mission? (11:3-6)
3. What will happen to the two witnesses when they have finished their God-ordained ministry? (11:7)
4. What will take place in the three and a half days after the two witnesses die? (11:8-10)
5. What catastrophic events will follow the two witnesses? (11:13)

Get It

1. What do the events in this passage tell us about the world?
2. What encouragement for Christians today does the story of the two witnesses offer?

Apply It

What can you do to show your support this week for ministers, evangelists, and Christian leaders?

The Seventh Trumpet - Revelation 11:15-19

Open it

1. What are you most thankful for?
2. What about this world would you most like to see changed? Why?

Explore It

1. What did the voices say about the world? (11:15)
2. What group of people in addition to John heard the heavenly voices? (11:16)
3. Why were the elders thankful to God? (11:17)
4. Who did the elders describe as deserving a reward? (11:18)
5. What spectacular phenomena accompanied the opening of the temple? (11:19)

Get It

1. How is the promise that God will reign over the earth significant to you?
2. What are some ways nations display anger toward God?

Apply It

For what spiritual and material blessings will you spend some time today thanking God?
How?

The Woman and the Dragon - Revelation 12:1-13:1

Open it

1. How does it feel to be accused of something you didn't do?
2. What is the clearest example of the existence of Satan that you're aware of?

Explore It

1. In what activities was the enormous red dragon involved? (12:4)
2. What happened to the dragon and his angels? (12:8-9)
3. According to the voice from heaven, how was Satan defeated? (12:11)
4. What happened when the dragon tried to destroy the woman? (12:13-13:1)
5. When the dragon was unable to kill the woman, where did he redirect his destructive efforts? (12:17-13:1)

Get It

1. In what way does Satan try to oppose God today?
2. In what ways does Satan try to tempt and hurt us?

Apply It

How can you take the message of today's passage and encourage a fellow Christian who is struggling in his or her walk with Christ?

The Beast out of the Sea - Revelation 13:2-10

Open it

1. What alternatives to God do some of your coworkers or friends have (such as New Age beliefs, Islam, atheism, etc.)?
2. What names of living and/or dead individuals have you heard end times enthusiasts mention as being the "antichrist"?

Explore It

1. What did the dragon (Satan) give the beast out of the sea? (13:2)
2. How did the world react and respond to the beast out of the sea? (13:3-4)
3. How did the beast use his authority? (13:7)
4. What warning did John give to all who would listen? (13:9-10)
5. What do we need to do about this? (13:10)

Get It

1. In light of verses such as Psalm 24:1; Matthew 4:8-10; John 8:44, 12:31; and 2 Corinthians 4:4, who controls events on earth?
2. What insights into spiritual warfare and blindness does this passage give you?

Apply It

What can you do to prepare for those times this week when you will need patient endurance and faithfulness?

The Beast out of the Earth - Revelation 13:11-18

Open it

3. What alternatives to God do some of your coworkers or friends have (such as New Age beliefs, Islam, atheism, etc.)?
4. What names of living and/or dead individuals have you heard end times enthusiasts mention as being the "antichrist"?

Explore It

1. How did the second beast deceive everyone all over the world? (13:13-14)
2. How did the beast out of the earth use his Satanic power in relation to the image of the beast out of the sea? (13:15)
3. What happened to those who refused to worship the image of the beast out of the sea? (13:15)
4. What difference did it make whether a person took the mark of the beast? (13:17)
5. How did John say one could "calculate the number of the beast"? (13:18)

Get It

1. What are some chief ways people are deceived or blinded by Satan today?
2. How can we tell whether a miracle is from God or from Satan?

Apply It

What actions could you take today to instruct or guide a young Christian?

The Lamb and the 144,000 - Revelation 14:1-5

Open it

1. What five adjectives do you think your friends and family would use to describe you?
2. What is one song you would like to learn to sing by heart?

Explore It

1. Who did John see standing before him? (14:1)
2. Who was standing with the Lamb? (14:1)
3. What did the 144,000 do as John looked on? (14:3)
4. What is said here about the unique spiritual condition of the 144,000? (14:4-5)
5. How is the integrity of the 144,000 described? (14:5)

Get It

1. Why do you think only the 144,000 are able to learn the new song of praise?
2. What does it mean to "follow the Lamb wherever he goes"?

Apply It

What can you do to make yourself more open to follow the Lord wherever He leads you?

The Three Angels - Revelation 14:6-13

Open it

1. What do your coworkers believe about hell?
2. If you could get on international television and deliver a 10-second message to the whole human race, what would you say?

Explore It

1. What did the angel tell the inhabitants of earth to do? Why? (14:7)
2. Why was it important that people heed the angel's message? (14:7)
3. What warning did the third angel give? (14:9-10)
4. What would be the consequence of taking the mark of the beast? (14:9-10)
5. What does the future hold for those who do not believe? (14:10-11)

Get It

What temptations and trials make it difficult to live for Christ in this society?

What does it mean to fear God?

Apply It

In what way can you be a witness for Christ today?

The Harvest of the Earth - Revelation 14:14-20

Open it

1. What do you think is the average person's view of heaven?
2. Why do you think death is personified as the Grim Reaper?

Explore It

1. What unusual instrument did the one "like a son of man" have in his possession? (14:14)
2. What did the angel from the heavenly temple tell the other angel to do? Why? (14:15)
3. What did John see "still another angel" do? (14:18)
4. What instructions did the angel give to the one with the "sharp sickle"? (14:18)
5. How much blood was produced by the crushing of the "grapes"? (14:20)

Get It

1. What does this passage tell us about God?
2. Whom do you think the grapes in this vision represent?

Apply It

For what unbelievers will you pray this week?

Seven Angels With Seven Plagues - Revelation 15:1-8

Open it

1. When in your life have you felt the most spiritually clean or the closest to God?
2. What is your favorite hymn or worship song? Why?

Explore It

1. What great sign did John see in heaven? (15:1)
2. How did John describe the part of heaven revealed to him? (15:2)
3. What were the saints in heaven doing? (15:2-3)
4. What attributes of God are praised in the "song of Moses"? (15:3-4)
5. What events took place in the heavenly temple after the angels were dispatched with their plagues? (15:8)

Get It

When will believers be "victorious over the beast"?

What evidence does this passage give us that God is just and fair?

Apply It

What is one practical step you can take to include singing more in your worship of God?

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath - Revelation 16:1-21

Open it

1. What is the most pain you have ever experienced?
2. What injustices in the world sometimes cause you to wonder if God is just?

Explore It

1. What instructions did the loud voice give to the seven angels? (16:1)
2. What happened when the second angel emptied his bowl? (16:3)
3. What did the angel in charge of the waters say about the judgments being poured out? (16:5-7)
4. What blessing was pronounced in the middle of this outpouring of judgment? (16:15)
5. What happened to the kings of the East? (16:16)

Get It

1. What makes the judgments described here—horrible as they are—perfectly just?
2. Why would people undergoing judgment still not turn to God in repentance and for salvation?

Apply It

How could you use the message of this passage to engage a non-Christian friend in a discussion about Christ?

The Woman on the Beast - Revelation 17:1-18

Open it

1. What are some examples of champions or winners?
2. If your life was being threatened and you could hire anyone in the world to be your

Explore It

1. How did John describe the woman he saw? (17:4-5)
2. How did the angel react to John's astonishment? (17:7)
3. How did the angel explain the ten horns that covered the beast? (17:12)
4. What was the significance of the waters that John saw the woman sitting on? (17:15)
5. What is the relationship between the beast, the ten kings, and the prostitute? (17:16-18)

Get It

1. How would you describe the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
2. Why is it so important for us to seek wisdom from God?

Apply It

What can you use to remind yourself each day this week of God's rule and superiority over all evil in the world?

The Fall of Babylon - Revelation 18:1-24

Open it

1. What is the most extreme or humiliating fall from power you have ever seen someone undergo?
2. What place characterizes evil to you?

Explore It

1. What did a voice from heaven urge? (18:4)
2. What specific message of judgment did the angel bring concerning Babylon's sins? (18:5, 8)
3. How will the fall of Babylon affect rulers and merchants all over the earth? (18:9, 11, 15)
4. What will happen to Babylon's wealth? (18:10-19)
5. How will Babylon be judged? (18:22-23)

Get It

1. What is pride and why is it dangerous?
2. What can we do to avoid being slaves to money?

Apply It

How can you comfort a suffering friend with the message that God sees every injustice and will one day right every wrong?

Hallelujah! - Revelation 19:1-10

Open it

1. What is one of the most memorable weddings or banquets you have ever been to?
2. Who is one Christian leader or authority that you respect? Why?

Explore It

1. What was the roar that John heard coming from heaven? (19:1)
2. How did the creatures closest to God act? (19:4)
3. Why did the great multitude urge everyone to be happy? How? (19:6-7)
4. In what ways did the bride get ready for the heavenly wedding? (19:7-8)
5. What did John learn about worship? (19:10)

Get It

1. What are some implications of the fact that Christ's relationship with the church is described as a marriage?
2. In what ways ought we to act as people "engaged" to Christ?

Apply It

In what way can you honor Christ in your conversations with others?

The Rider on the White Horse - Revelation 19:11-21

Open it

1. How do most people characterize Jesus?
2. What, to you, is the value of faithfulness?

Explore It

1. What did John see in heaven as this portion of his vision began to unfold? (19:11)
2. What is the rider of the white horse like? (19:11-13)
3. Who followed the rider of the white horse? (19:14)
4. Who fought against the rider of the white horse, and what was the outcome? (19:19-21)
5. What happened to the rest of those who followed the beast? (19:21)

Get It

1. Why is Jesus depicted as a rider on a white horse?
2. What do all the symbols in this passage tell us about Jesus?

Apply It

For what "confrontations" do you need to prepare this week? How?

The Thousand Years - Revelation 20:1-6

Open it

1. Why do you think our society is growing more and more preoccupied with Satan and the occult?
2. What is your general attitude about politics?

Explore It

1. What did John see an angel carrying? (20:1)
2. Where did the angel throw the dragon? (20:3)
3. Why had some believers died? (20:4)
4. When would the rest of the dead be resurrected? (20:5)
5. In what way are the people raised in the first resurrection blessed? (20:6)

Get It

1. In what ways do God's people already reign with Christ?
2. How can we show our allegiance to Christ the King over all the earth?

Apply It

In what ways can you give testimony of God's Word to the people you know?

Satan's Doom - Revelation 20:7-10

Open it

1. In literature, movies, or television, who do you think is the all-time worst villain or bad guy?
2. How likely do you think it is that there will be a nuclear war in your lifetime?

Explore It

1. What will happen after the thousand year reign of Christ and His saints? (20:7)
2. What will Satan do right after his release from the Abyss? (20:7-8)
3. In John's vision what battle plan did Satan follow in his war against God? (20:9)
4. How did God defeat the armies of Satan? (20:9-10)
5. What will Satan, the beast, and the false prophet experience in their final destination? (20:10)

Get It

1. When are we prone to lose confidence in God's power and authority over Satan and evil?
2. How can we draw encouragement from the certainty of Satan's doom?

Apply It

What is one simple way you can remind yourself of God's certain victory over evil?

The Dead Are Judged - Revelation 20:11-15

Open it

1. What is your favorite book? Why?
2. What is one time you remember getting in trouble as a child?

Explore It

1. What particular vision begins this portion of John's revelation? (20:11)
2. Who will be involved in the final judgment? (20:12)
3. On what basis will people be judged at the end of time? (20:12-13)
4. What will happen to those whose names are not found in the Book of Life? (20:15)
5. Who will be thrown into the lake of fire? (20:15)

Get It

1. What is the value in knowing that we will be judged for the way we live?
2. How should the certainty of future judgment affect the way we live?

Apply It

What can you do to remind yourself of the reality of a future judgment?

The New Jerusalem - Revelation 21:1-27

Open it

1. What is the most beautiful place you have ever been?
2. What is one of the happiest or best memories you have?

Explore It

1. What did John see once all the judgments had taken place? (21:1)
2. How did the voice from heaven describe the new world to come? (21:4-5)
3. What were some of the more spectacular features of the New Jerusalem that John saw? (21:10-21)
4. In what way will the New Jerusalem reflect God's glory and holiness? (21:21-27)
5. How did John describe the heavenly city in terms of purity? (21:26-27)

Get It

1. Why do you think God revealed so many details about the measurements and appearance of the New Jerusalem?
2. How can we prepare ourselves for a place like the New Jerusalem?

Apply It

How can you remind yourself every day this week of God's promised future for His people?

The River of Life - Revelation 22:1-6

Open it

1. What is your favorite fruit? What do you like about it?
2. What disease do you most wish there were a cure for?

Explore It

1. What sight did John's heavenly "tour guide" show him? (22:1)
2. What was growing on each side of the river of life? (22:2)
3. When did the tree that John saw in the city bear fruit? (22:2)
4. Of what value are the leaves on the tree of life? (22:2)
5. How long will God's people reign? (22:5)

Get It

1. In what way can a person "wear God's name on his or her forehead"?
2. How can we honor God as creator and sustainer of life?

Apply It

Now that you have completed this study, share how you have received the promised blessing Jesus gives. (Rev.1:3)

Jesus Is Coming - Revelation 22:7-21

Open it

1. What nicknames did you or your friends have when you were growing up?
2. What is one reward you remember getting?

Explore It

1. What promise did Christ make? (22:7)
2. Why was John commanded not to seal up the prophecies of his book? (22:10)
3. Who will be entitled to citizenship in the new Jerusalem? (22:14)
4. What invitation is given by the Spirit and the bride? (22:17)
5. What do we know for sure about Christ's return? (22:20)

Get It

1. What do you think is the point of the angel telling everyone to continue doing what they are doing, whether good or bad?
2. What is involved in responding to God's invitation to come to Him?

Apply It

What are some concrete ways you can show respect for the messages in the Bible?