

INTRO

- What's the best or most satisfying ending to a movie or book you've ever experienced? Why did it stick with you?

Revelation shows that, ultimately, God will renew His purpose for creation and humanity, bringing resolution to the biblical story. Let's explore the four dimensions of renewal.

READ

Revelation 21:1-6 and 22:1-5

[Leaders: Use the questions below as a guide, not a checklist]

Q: What stands out or surprises you from these texts? What images or phrases feel particularly hopeful or powerful?

REFLECT & RESPOND

Every good story has a beginning, middle, and end—and Scripture is no different. Genesis shows our origin, Revelation our destiny, and we live in the messy middle, longing for resolution. From start to finish, God reveals four essential dimensions—presence, people, place, and purpose—that define human flourishing and require His renewal.

1. Presence—Walking with God

“God’s dwelling place is now among the people...” (21:3)

Q: Why is walking with God at the heart of human flourishing? What practices help you grow in enjoying—not just believing in—God?

2. People—Reconciled Community

“The Holy City...prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.” (21:2)

Q: What does the image of the Church as a holy city and bride tell us about God’s desire for

community? In what ways do our current communities fall short of this vision?

3. Place—Renewed Creation

“a new heaven and a new earth... no more death or mourning...” (21:1,4)

Q: How does Revelation’s vision of a renewed creation challenge or expand your imagination of eternity with God? In what ways does it differ from common assumptions about heaven?

4. Purpose—Reflecting God’s Reign

“His servants will serve Him... and they will reign forever and ever.” (22:3-5)

God’s original purpose was for humanity to exercise divine reign over creation, caring for and cultivating it (Gen 1:26).

Q: How do you see your current sense of purpose aligned or misaligned with God’s purpose?

Personal Application:

- Which of the four dimensions feels most alive in your life right now? Which one feels most neglected or in need of God’s renewing work?
- Choose one of the four areas (Presence, People, Place, Purpose) and take one small, intentional step this week.

PRAY

- Pray for God to bring healing and renewal to the specific relationship or area of life (Presence, People, Place, Purpose) where each person feels most in need.
- Pray for endurance in hardship and hope that looks beyond present struggles to God’s promised future.