



Key Thought: The pain from the present suffering can threaten to take over our thoughts and attitudes.

Key Question: What are the future promises that keep our present sufferings from overwhelming us?

Read Revelation 21

A World with No Waves: (vv. 1-4)

- What has been personally the hardest (wilderness experience) for you during this pandemic?
- What hope is ignited in you when we are reminded that today's tribulations are momentary in light of eternity?
- What image of no more crying, no more pain, nor more mourning, no more dying speaks loudest to you?

A World with No Wilderness: (vv. 5-19)

- Describe Jesus' words "it is finished" as fulfilling our requirement?
- How do we resolve the tension of heaven's demands for perfection when lies, lust, and other besetting sins have been part of our life?
- Revelation 5:5 speaks of the one who conquers. Why is the Lamb's work on our behalf critical in becoming an overcomer/conqueror?

A World with No Darkness: (vv. 22-27)

- Explain why there is no temple, nor sun, nor moon needed in heaven?
- How would you describe your own response to the Gospel's offer of "come to me all who are weary and heavy laden"?

Q's for Kids: (Read Revelation 21 together and see who can remember all the gem stones on walls of the new Jerusalem)

- 1) Describe a time when you were afraid of the dark until a light was brought into the room? Now, take about what that would look like having Jesus as the light of the world in a dark spot.
- 2) Why do we need to learn to wait as Christ prepares us for heaven's better home? Describe a recent time when you had to wait on an answer or the answer was "no" to something you thought you had to have.