

## **LOVE**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another... (John 13:34)

- Internal: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- External: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## **TRUTH**

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another... (Col. 3:16)

- 1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you? [Dialogue]
- 2. Let's read the final two chapters of the Bible, chapters 21 and 22. Let's take a moment to compare the creation story in Genesis to the New Creation in Revelation. What is similar and what is different? [Examples: Heaven, Earth, Sun, Night, Seas, Curse, Death, Paradise, Pain, Devil.] Examples:

Heaven and Earth Created / New Heavens and earth recreated Sun created / No need for the sun The night established / No night there

The seas created / No more seas

- 3. In chapter 21, verse 3 says, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man." What does this say about God? Is this a new idea in the Bible?
  - God has always desired to be with man. God's original design was with man in the garden of Eden. His presence was with man and the people of Israel in the tent/temple. He at times, led them by pillars of cloud and fire. In the New Testament, we see where God took on flesh and dwelt among us. He then died for the sins of man and provided His Spirit to live inside of those who placed their faith in Him. Finally, he restores His original design as it was; God dwelling in harmony with man once again in the New Heaven and the New Earth. God has always been with man in part, but will one day be in full.
- 4. Do we actually see God in Heaven? How does chapter 22 answer this finally? Verse 4. "They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads."
- 5. Paul often refers to a "heavenly citizenship' (Phil 3), "a mind set on things above" (Col. 3). Ecclesiastes 3:11 says God "has put eternity in their hearts." How does this text help shape our day-to-day actions?

[Dialogue]

- 6. What do you most long for in heaven? What verse(s) in these chapters bring you the most hope? [Dialogue]
- 7. As you close the book of Revelation, what impacted you the most? [Dialogue]

## **GREAT COMMISSION**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

## **CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE**

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.