

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Revelation 19:11-16; 21:1-5; 22:1-5

Session Summary

In Revelation 19, the King returned to make war on His enemies and vanquish the kingdoms of the earth once and for all. When the King is done with His perfect justice, the fallen and cursed earth will have passed away (v. 1). In its place, a new creation will come down. Christ reigns over this new creation pictured as a new Jerusalem, the capital city of the everlasting Kingdom. She descends as a bride, meaning this new earth is pure and free of every defilement of the former earth. God invites us to look—He is “making everything new” (v. 5).

John opened the chapter by saying the former things had passed away, but in verse 4 he explained in greater detail what he meant. Death may be the final enemy to be defeated (1 Cor. 15:26), but rest assured, the curse of death that characterized the former earth will be eliminated. No more cancer, Alzheimer's, dementia, strokes, suicide, or murder. Death will die once and for all. The grief, crying, and pain associated with death and suffering will be no more. The text doesn't say we shouldn't cry or shouldn't grieve—it assumes that we will, in a fallen world. But it also gives us hope that our grief will not have the final word. God's presence will bring healing. He will turn our sorrow into joy (John 16:20). Death, grief, and pain are very real, but they are not forever. Take heart, for Christ will make all things new!

- How does God's eternal justice motivate us to do what is right even when it looks like evil is winning in the present?
- What are some things that cause us grief or pain?
- How does the new creation give us hope while we live in a fallen world?
- How can we share the healing love of God with those who are going through a painful season?

God has promised to make all things new. Even when things seem broken beyond repair, He is able to resurrect and restore. Depending on the size of your family, work as a group or in two teams. Find something that is old or broken. Then, work together to restore it. This project may take a weekend or weeks. Go as big or small as you want to. When you are done, discuss how God will one day make everything new again.