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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Revelation 21 God dwells among his people

1. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Matthew 6:21). What do these words mean?
2. Read Romans 8:20-21 and 1 Corinthians 15:35-44. From these passages what may we surmise about the age to come? Now read Revelation 21:1 – in what sense are 'the new heaven and the new earth' new?
3. 'the sea was no more' – will there be surfing in heaven? Why/why not? Read Daniel 7:3 and Revelation 13:1 – what do these passages suggest the sea symbolically represents? If this is the case, what is the significance of sea's absence?
4. 'like a bride adorned for her husband' v3. In Hebrews we read of what this will mean for us (12:23) the 'spirits of righteous men made perfect'. We are free from the penalty of sin now (Revelation 1:5; Romans 8:1) – what will we be freed from then?
5. Revelation 21:3 describes God dwelling among us 'God himself will be with them as their God'. How will this be different from our present experience of God? What ideas convey God's relationship with his people (v2, 3, 7)? How do they convey intimacy and knowledge?
6. The presence of God defines what is included and excluded from the holy city. What is excluded in v4? Which one of these speaks most powerfully to your present circumstances? Pray and thank God for this aspect of your future!
 - a. No more....
 - b. No more...
 - c. No more...
7. "It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

C S Lewis, the weight of Glory.

In what ways might you more consciously set your hope on the glory that is to be revealed?

