

Dig Deeper @Home – “Songs of Advent”
Complement to sermon on December 17, 2017 – Peace

MEMORIZE – Revelation 21: 3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

READ Revelation 21:1-22:5

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Read 21:8 again. What do you find interesting about the list of sins listed describing those whose place will be in the lake of fire? Talk about each one. Does it surprise you that it is listed? Have you been guilty of any of these in your own life? What does that mean?
4. In 21:15-17 we get measurements of the city of God. What we find out is that it is a gigantic cube. What is the significance of it being a cube? (hint: read) What does this tell us about our final residence with God (what we typically refer to as heaven)?
5. Compare and contrast the re-creation account in Revelation 21:22-22:5 with the creation account in Genesis 2.

Bottom Line – Summarize Revelation 21:1 -22:5 in your own words

EXPERIENTIAL

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Revelation 21:1 – 22:5.

Peace not as the World Gives

Jesus tells us in John 14:27 that he gives us his peace and he gives it not as the world gives. Because of this, we can face life with courage, regardless of what life brings our way. Right a list below of things that are causing you distress right now in your life. Then pray asking God to fill you with His peace so that you can face these situations with courage.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

[Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery](#) - Matt Papa

A great advent song celebrating Jesus' first coming and anticipating his second coming to bring the new heaven and the new earth.

O Little Town of Bethlehem – Mennonite Hymnal #133

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – Mennonite Hymnal #135

Verse 2 of O Little Town ends "O morning stars (angels), together Proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth." In the middle of Hark the Herald, we see the phrase, "peace on earth and mercy mild." As you sing these songs, keep in mind the angels continue to proclaim the good news of peace to all people on earth through Christ and it is that peace which causes us to bring praise.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Lord, thank you for peace. Thank you that your peace is not like the worlds peace which is only present when things are going well. Your peace is present no matter what we face. So may we leave here, empowered by your peace to face every situation in life with courage, for your glory and the good of those around us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.