



CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Sign up for the gardening day this Saturday from 9-noon! (text or email Katie)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What we believe about the future shapes how we live today. Can you think of a time when anticipation of something good changed your outlook? How does a biblical vision of heaven influence the way you live now?
- The book of Revelation ends in hope, not fear. How does this contrast with the way some people use Revelation to instill fear? How does understanding God’s final victory encourage you in difficult times?
- Jesus calls us to live in light of heaven today. What is one practical way you can “bring a little heaven” into your daily life, whether at work, in your community, or with your family?

QUOTE

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

“There is only one path to heaven. On earth we call it love.”

DID YOU KNOW?

The concept of **eschatological hope** refers to the belief that God’s ultimate plan for the world will be fulfilled, bringing about justice, peace, and renewal. This is central to Christian theology and was a major theme in the teachings of Jesus, Paul, and the prophets. One of the key theologians who emphasized this was Jürgen Moltmann, a 20th-century German theologian. In his book *Theology of Hope*, Moltmann argued that Christian faith is fundamentally hopeful—not just wishful thinking but a confident expectation that God will complete God’s redemptive work in history. He believed that this hope should inspire believers to work for justice, love, and renewal in the present, making the world a reflection of God’s coming kingdom.