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The Ultimate Regathering

Sunday, August 2, 2020



TALK
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- What promises of God do you hold onto in difficult times?



PRAYER

In the midst of turmoil in this world, God has given us such great hope. It is not a fleeting hope, but one we have assurance of because of Jesus. Read through Revelation 21:1-4 out loud and then pray in your own words:

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, 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, "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 shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

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SERMON +
WORSHIP

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set



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- **One of the ways Jesus did ministry was to share meals with people and fellowship. In Matthew 26, it is the “Last Supper” with the disciples.**
 - What other meals was Jesus a part of in the Gospels? (ex. Luke 5:27-32, 7:36-50, etc.)
 - What is the significance of Jesus doing ministry by sharing meals with others?
- **Isaiah 25 and Revelation 19 also pointed out that there is a future kingdom feast prophesied about in Scripture.**
 - What facts do we know about this feast, and why is it something we can look forward to?
- **Pastor Jeff linked communion to our anticipation of the coming feast. Read 1 Cor. 11:26, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”**
 - What do Mark 13 and Revelation 19 (from Jeff’s sermon) teach us about Jesus’s second coming?
 - Why is it important to remember that Jesus is going to come again?

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PRACTICE POINTS

- **If you are not sure you are a part of God's people, repent of your sins and trust in Jesus so that you can join in this wedding feast!**
 - If you have put your trust in Jesus, take a minute to thank Jesus that He is coming again. Not only has He did He rise from the dead, He promised to come back for us!
- **As Pastor Jeff reminded us, communion should point us to the unity we have through Jesus. Do you have any unresolved issues with other Christians in your life? What can you do today/this week to resolve that in grace and humility?**
- **This week be on the lookout for verses that talk about our future hope. What are some you can brainstorm (1 Peter 1:3-4, Philippians 3:20, etc.)? Write them down as reminders for yourself.**



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Want additional content to dive into during the week? Try this:

These prompts can be used one-per-day or for an extended time on your own, with your spouse or family members, or with your small group:

- **Spend some time this week studying and reflecting on communion. Start with the 4 major communion texts: Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. Read what comes before and after in each case as well. You**

can also read John 13-17, which describes Jesus's last night, but not the institution of communion.

- Based on these passages, why has communion become one of two sacraments still practiced by all Christians?
- Based on these passages, what is the similarity between us taking communion and the Passover meal?
 - How does God saving Israel from enslavement in Egypt parallel with what Jesus has done for us?
- There are many views on the elements of communion: some view the elements as Jesus's body, others view them as symbols. Which view would you take based on these passages?
- In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul lays out some harsh warnings about unity and love in taking communion.
 - What exactly is Paul accusing the church of and why is it so wrong?
 - What should Paul's warnings teach us today?
- **Pastor Jeff also raised the idea of the marriage supper of the Lamb.**
 - Read through Jeremiah 2-3, Isaiah 25:6-8, 54:1-8, 62:4-5, Hosea 1-2. How does the idea of marriage/covenant with God show up throughout the Old Testament?
 - How do marriages on earth reflect God's relationship with His people?
 - Jesus is called the "Lamb" in Revelation 19 (though many other names through Revelation as well). Read John 1:29, Acts 8:32-33, 1 Corinthians 5:7 and 1 Peter 1:19. How does the idea of Jesus as the Lamb show up in the New Testament and why is it important?
 - We often preach about Jesus's death and resurrection, but less often about His second coming. Why is that, and why should we look forward more to the second coming of Jesus and our covenant with Him?