



Week 8: Eleven O'clock Elm Trees

Theme: Anticipating the New Creation

Icebreaker:

What do you anticipate most about heaven?

Message Bible Text:

Revelation 21:1-7; Luke 17:7-21; John 3:16-17

Discussion Questions:

1. Does the book of Revelation intimidate you?
2. Where have you seen other imagery used in the Bible?
3. Are you comfortable with symbolic language? Why?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Genesis 1; Isaiah 52; Ephesians 2:8-10

Discussion Questions:

1. How do the seeds we plant now flower into eternity?
Does what we do now matter for eternity?
2. What is our part in taking care of Christ's world?
3. Are we living like we are in the eleventh hour?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- The kingdom of God is here now and we are living in it.
- Revelation is God's redemptive story and He wins!

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Give thanks for God pursuing us to faith.
- Pray for our hearts and minds to be opened to the understanding of the words in Revelation.
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Memory Verse:

Revelation 21:6 - He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ. In him we begin to see and anticipate your new creation. Thank you for your Spirit. He breaks into our world here and now and we get a glimpse of your new creation. This helps us hope and anticipate what it will be like when your glory is here on the earth. Help us to share that news and living hope with the world so that others may flourish with us in your new kingdom.