

the story

GOD'S STORY IS OUR STORY

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“ ‘What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived’ the things God has prepared for those who love him”
~ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9b (NIV)

In the end, _____.

“ ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’ ” ~ REVELATION 1:8 (NIV)

“ ‘I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.’ ”
~ REVELATION 1:12-13 (NIV)

“ ‘Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.’ ”
~ PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11 (NIV)

God creates a _____ and a _____.

“ ‘Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.’ ”
~ REVELATIONS 21:1-3 (NIV)

God has _____ for you.

He will make _____.

“ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ”
~ REVELATIONS 21:4-5 (NIV)

“ ‘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.’ ”
~ REVELATION 21:6 (NIV)

“ ‘Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.’ ”
~ REVELATIONS 22:1-5 (NIV)

“ ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.” ~ REVELATION 4:8b (NIV)

SO WHAT?

Everyone will _____ .

“ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ” ~ HEBREWS 9:27 (NIV)

“ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ” ~ ROMANS 8:1 (NIV)

God will _____ .

God has _____ for us.

“ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

~ PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 (NIV)

You need to _____ .

“ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

~ REVELATION 21:7-8 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS *available on the APP* |     Google TV

- 1 - What is your favorite ending to a book or movie? Why?
- 2 - When you envision heaven, what scenes, pictures, or ideas come to your mind? Read Revelation 22:1-5. What specific elements of John's vision makes you excited to spend eternity there?
- 3 - The book of Revelation includes short letters to seven real life ancient churches. Read Revelation 3:14-21. Jesus told the people he didn't want them to be 'lukewarm'. What does it look like for you or the church to be lukewarm? How do we prevent this from happening?
- 4 - God's promise to return and reign is one that gives us hope for the future, but it can't only be hope for the future. Read Revelation 21:1-5. If this promise is true, does it change the way you live day today?
- 5 - The end of the Story is about God being with his people again. This has been the goal since chapter 1. This life is a time to practice for heaven. What can you do on a daily basis to stay close to God and have a close friendship with him?
- 6 - Are you ready to stand before God? Why or why not? Share with your group any questions you might have about receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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