



Welcome Start with a short prayer.

If you could give yourself a name symbolising the legacy of your family, or the God given potential you have, or some hidden aspiration you have yet to realise, what name would you chose? Why?

Word Revelation Ch21:v10,v22-Ch22:5

Jerusalem was the city of God's Holy Temple, where he had promised to place his name (1 Kings 9:3). This is where the High Priest on behalf of the people, would meet with God once a year on the Day of Atonement. In Rev 21 & 22 John sees the heavenly Jerusalem. The earthly Jerusalem was always just a poor image or foreshadowing of the new Heavenly Jerusalem (Rev 21:10). In this vision God is present with new transparency and intimacy, rendering any temple and even sun and moon unnecessary (Rev 21:22-23). This is a world where all will live by the light of God and of the Lamb.

By the light of this city the nations walk (Rev 21:24), and, through the trees watered by its river, they will find their healing (Rev 22:2).

All who serve God will see him, be marked as his own, and share his reign as those made in his image were always destined to do (Rev 22:3-5).

The breadth of God's new world inspires boundless gratitude and hope.

There is a glorious purity about the society in this New Jerusalem (Rev 21:27).

1. When in the past have you needed a vision of the Holy City? (This joyous place that awaits you).
2. What was the function of the Temple in the Old Jerusalem?
3. The tree of life (Rev 22:2) reminds us of the tree in the Garden of Eden. The tree gets its sustaining life in God from whom the river flows. In the Old Testament, Ezekiel Ch 47 describes a similar scene with the river flowing from the Temple. But now the Temple is no longer needed. why?
4. What is required to be a citizen of this New Jerusalem?
5. How would this vision have inspired 1st Century Christians?
6. Does it inspire you? Why?

Worship

In Revelation John was given an amazing picture of the Glory of God and the New Jerusalem and the New Heaven and New Earth. This has inspired many to deepen their worship.

Have you ever been given 'words' or 'pictures' you believe were from God? (Remember our previous discussions about Spiritual Gifts).

You might like to discuss whether we should be open to such revelations today?

Why not take some time in quiet and be open to what God might want to be sharing with cell members tonight. If you feel you have something to share, do so.

Take time to pray and praise!

Remember: Spiritual gifts and visions and dreams often inspire people to witness to God's greatness. Your visions may inspire the next section.

Witness

Are there any last minute plans to make for the social on the final week before half term? (Week beginning 23rd May). Remember to invite non-church friends.