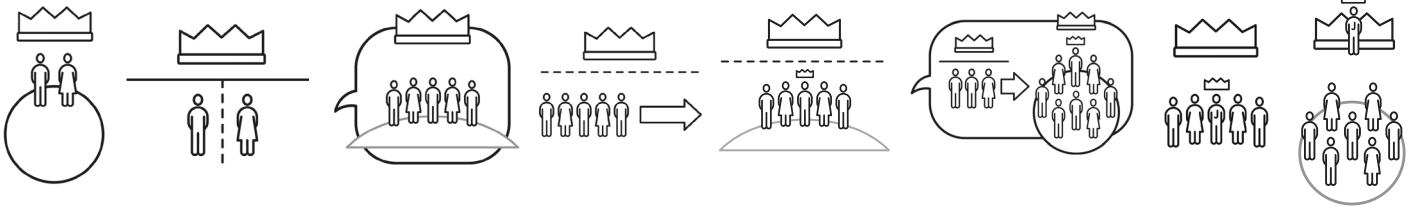


PROMISES KEPT BIBLE OVERVIEW, WEEK NINE (REVELATION 20–22)

THE STORY SO FAR...



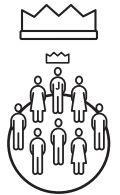
OPENING QUESTION

For this world to become perfect, what would have to change? What would have to go?

VIDEO TALK

RECAP

Where it's all been heading: God's people in his perfect world, living in his presence, under his eternal King's perfect rule.



APPLY TIME...

Revelation 21 v 7 promises: "Those who are victorious will inherit all this"—or, as the NIV84 translates it: "He who overcomes will inherit all this. Life as a follower of the crucified, risen Jesus before his return is hard. How can we use Revelation 20 – 21 to encourage each other to keep going?"

PROMISE KEPT

Read Revelation 22 v 1-15

1. Compare this future eternal city to God's original garden creation. How is it similar? How is it even better?

Garden in Genesis	City in Revelation
2 v 9	22 v 1-2
3 v 8a, 2 v 15-16	22 v 4a
1 v 26-28	22 v 3b, 5b
1 v 14-16	22 v 5

2. How does this make you feel?

3. Read Revelation 1 v 12-19. This is the beginning of John's vision. How does it give us certainty that what he has written down is true?

APPLY TIME...

1. What is one right response to knowing this is the future (22 v 20b)?

2. What difference will saying and meaning this make to life now?

3. Can you remember the promises made in Sessions 1 – 6?

4. How is Jesus the way God keeps each promise in his first and second comings?

QUESTIONS FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

If you are a follower of the Lamb, Revelation 21 – 22 is your future. Next time you have a difficult or painful day, how are you going to remind yourself of where you will be one future day? Will you let it make a difference to your emotions and your actions?

PRAY

Spend time giving thanks for who Jesus is, and then for the future he has given his people.

Share things which tend to stop you remembering and being joyful about where you're headed, and then pray for one another.