

WARM-UP QUESTION: What motivates you to do your best at work, school or home?

READ: Revelation 21:1-7

FOCUS: Our end is a new beginning! We will live in a perfectly renewed place with perfectly renewed people because of the perfectly unhindered presence of God!

OBSERVE:

- Remember, the book of Revelation is both apocalyptic and prophetic. This means that although we are reading about the end times, we are seeing a vision of the new heaven and new earth, which will be both physically and spiritually perfect. It'll be better and more beautiful than even the most breathtaking places anyone has traveled to on this earth.
- We will all be perfectly renewed people. This isn't just about our new bodies; minds will be renewed and in perfect peace. Any trauma or hurts that have occurred will no longer mar our minds and hearts but will be at perfect peace because we live in a place of perfect love that has cast out all fear, pain, turmoil, chaos and sin! As perfectly renewed people, there will be no one to wage war because our minds and hearts will have revelation to know fully and not in part. Our bodies will no longer get sick or feel pain. There will no longer be any mourning or death!
- Ultimately, we will receive our eternal reward, which is being in the presence of the Most High God, forever! God has longed to be with us, and we have yearned to see Him face to face; His presence means we have entered the Holy of Holies eternally, everything that has been created for Him, by Him, and through Him, we will experience with Him.

REFLECT:

- In what ways have you allowed your current nature to discourage you from what is to come in Christ?
- How will you surrender your soul and spirit to God to overcome and walk in the renewal He has already started in you?

TAKE ACTION:

- Take time to thank the Lord for His promises and ask for help to continue to follow Him.
- Find a community of believers that can help remind you of this truth.

PRAYER: Lord, thank you for giving us a hope and a future of what our eternity will be like even in the midst of trying situations. Please strengthen me so that I can hold onto the anchor and truth that I will have joy everlasting in your presence, and it can begin now. Help me to remember that my end is always a place of new beginnings with you. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.