

Prophecy Up Close 2019

Our Eternal Home

Discussion Questions

Session 1

Title: New Creation: The Eternal State

Speaker: Dr. Mike Stallard

Scripture: Revelation 20—22

Discussion questions:

- Does it matter if the phrase “no more sea” (Rev. 21:1) is literal or symbolic? If so, why?
- Dr. Stallard read a long list of things that will no longer exist in the eternal state because the curse of sin will no longer be a part of our reality. What are you most looking forward to seeing cease when God comes to “make all things new”? (Rev. 21:4–5)
- How would we know about redemption, grace, goodness, mercy, or love if God did not allow the Fall?
- How does the existence of the eternal state influence your life today?
- What does it mean to live in light of God’s grace?

Session 2

Title: The New City: The New Jerusalem

Speaker: Dr. Jim Showers

Scripture: Revelation 20—22; Selected Scriptures

Discussion questions:

- Why do you think God did not reveal many of the features of the new heaven and the new earth?

- What is the significance of the absence of a Temple in the New Jerusalem? (Rev. 21:22)
- Why do you suppose it is important to God that Israel and the church remain distinct in the New Jerusalem?
- Compare and contrast the eternal state for those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ with those who have not. How does that change your relationships with others here on Earth?

Session 3

Title: The New Citizens: Israel, the Church, and the Nations

Speaker: Dr. Mike Stallard

Scripture: Revelation 20—22

Discussion questions:

- How is the Millennium distinct from the eternal state?
- What are the implications of the coming Kingdom being literal and concrete versus being a concept or idea?
- How have your views of what we will be doing in eternity been challenged?
- Explain what it means to have a God-centered view of eternity rather than a man-centered view.

Session 4

Title: The New Life: The Tree of Life

Speaker: Dr. Jim Showers

Scripture: Revelation 22; Selected Scriptures

Discussion questions:

- Compare and contrast paradise as found in Genesis with the future paradise revealed in Revelation 22.

- Explain why God will place a tree of life in the new earth.

- How does our mortality affect our understanding of our need of a Savior?

- In what ways has your view of the coming Kingdom and eternity been changed or challenged during this video series?