

For the week of June 9, 2019

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What Was Lost Is Returned

26th week in the series: *Wake Up*

Revelation 21:9 - 22:5

After seeing God's re-creation of heaven and earth, we now look in more detail at the New Jerusalem. This symbolic city shows us what eternity with God will be like. We will be in God's presence. We will have eternal life. And when we fully understand these symbols, we will recognize them as what we lost long ago and what has been driving all of our efforts ever since.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the city is such an important image to use as a symbol for what life in eternity will be like?
2. Where do you feel the greatest sense of home? Do you feel out of place in this life, or have you gotten comfortable here?
3. What does it mean to you to live in God's presence?
4. Do you resonate with the German idea of Sehnsucht: "an inconsolable longing for we know not what"?
5. Why is tree of life such an important image in Scripture?
6. What do you think it will be like to return to life in the Garden of Eden?