

“A Place to Call Home” Group Guide

Series: All Things New (Revelation Season 5)

Passage: Revelation 21:9-27

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ICEBREAKER: Describe your perfect place to live.



Learning His Way: *Discovering the Way of Jesus*

1. Read Revelation 21:9-27 out loud together. What words or phrases stand out to you? What questions do you have?
2. Read John 14:1-4. How does Jesus' promise of a future *home* and the description of that home in Revelation 21 impact the way you think about following Him right now?
3. Revelation 21 shows us that the New Jerusalem is both a *bride* and a *city*. What does this teach us about the way of Jesus being deeply relational *and* communal, rather than private or individualistic?



Forming His Heart: *How is God shaping my character and helping me to grow?*

4. The gates and foundations of the city bear the names of the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles — not perfect individuals, but deeply flawed people. Yet they stand as permanent markers of grace. If you are willing, share an area in your own life where you find it hard to believe that your story of failure is held together by God's faithfulness rather than your performance?
5. The city is described as radiant, beautiful, and secure — nothing unclean can enter, and no fear remains. How might God be inviting you to loosen your grip on self-protection, trusting that your belonging in Him is secure?



Joining His Mission: *What is God calling me/us to do?*

6. If our eternal home is a community of grace with open gates, what would it look like for our group or church to become a small preview of that city — especially for people who feel lonely, guarded, or unseen?



Closing Prayer:

Choose one of the 3 next steps that Ryan shared that you would like to commit to the Lord this week.

1. Loosen your grip on “where.”
2. Live with open gates.
3. Create beauty where you are.

Break into pairs and pray for strength and grace in this area this upcoming week.