



WORTHY SERIES – PART 6: CHRIST IN HIS NEW CREATION

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Gates** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **Name Above All Names** (*Charity Gayle*)
- **We Fall Down** (*Bethel Worship*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Revelation 21

OPENING PRAYER

Begin by praying together for a fresh revelation of God's holiness and worthiness.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is designed to help your group move from hearing the Word to living it. Work through the sections at whatever pace fits your group. Not every question needs to be answered — choose the ones that spark the best conversation.

OPENING QUESTION

Take a few minutes to go around the group and answer this before diving into the sermon content:

- What is one thing you have always assumed or imagined heaven would be like? Where did that image come from?

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Pastor Brian opened by reminding us that Revelation 21 arrives after everything that is not love has been removed. The cosmic war is over. The final judgment is finished. What remains is something entirely new — not a repaired version of what we have known, but a creation on a magnitude we have never seen. The sermon explored three major themes from Revelation 21: the passing of the old order, God's love of purity and beauty, and the coming marriage and union between God and His people.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. The old order is genuinely and completely finished.
 - Every form of sin, suffering, grief, loneliness, temptation, abuse, and death belongs to a story that God Himself closes. The new creation is not a continuation of this one — it is something categorically different.
2. God loves purity and beauty, and the two are inseparable.
 - The extravagant imagery of Revelation 21 — jewels, gold, radiant light — is not incidental decoration. It reflects the character of God, who is both holy and creative, and it points to the kind of people He surrounds Himself with.
3. The new creation is a wedding, and we are the bride.
 - The city is the people. The language of architecture and the language of marriage point to the same reality: God making His home with a people who have prepared themselves for life with Him. We are living in the age of betrothal right now.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Theme One: The Old Is Passing Away

1. Pastor Brian described the closing of the old order in vivid terms — wars, famines, grief, loneliness, generational sin, and personal pain. What from that list resonates most deeply with your own experience of life in this world?
2. He said, "It won't always be a battle like it is today. But for now, persevere a little longer. Fight a little longer. Cling to hope a little longer." What does perseverance look like practically in your life right now? What makes it hard to hold on?

3. Revelation 21:5 records God saying, "I am making everything new." How does that promise change the way you think about the struggles you are currently facing? Does it feel real and near, or distant and abstract? Why?

Theme Two: God Loves Purity and Beauty

4. Pastor Brian said, "God is not boring, and He does not dwell in bleached cinderblocks." How does the image of God as a master artist and creator shape the way you think about worship, creativity, and your own gifts?
5. He connected beauty and purity, suggesting they are not opposites but expressions of the same character. How do you see that connection playing out in your own life or in the life of your church community?
6. Artistry and craftsmanship are described in the sermon as expressions of both human skill and God's Spirit. How does that reframe the way you think about your own work, creativity, or daily life as an act of worship?

Theme Three: Marriage and Union With God

7. The sermon points out a surprising language shift in Revelation 21 — John is told he will see the bride, but then he is shown a city. The answer is that the city is the people. What does it mean to you personally that you are not just going to a place, but becoming part of a people who are the dwelling place of God?
8. Pastor Brian walked through what he called the "marital covenant" language running throughout Scripture — God saying to His people, "You get all of me, and I get all of you." What does it stir in you to think about God pursuing that kind of complete union with you?
9. He asked, "What am I doing to get ready for my wedding, to adorn myself, and make myself attractive to Him?" That is a searching question. How would you honestly answer it for your own life right now?
10. The sermon closed with this appeal: "We are living in the age of betrothal. God is holding out His engagement ring, His promise of a life together through Jesus Christ." Is there anyone in your group, or in your life, who has not yet said yes to that invitation? How can this group support you in praying for or reaching them?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION (10 Mins)

Choose one of the following to carry into your week. Consider sharing your choice with the group so others can encourage and follow up with you.

For the one who is weary and struggling to persevere:

- Identify one specific area of your life where you feel like the battle is too long. Write down Revelation 21:5 somewhere you will see it daily this week. Let it be your anchor when the weight feels heavy.

For the one who wants to grow in purity and beauty:

- Reflect honestly on one area of your life where the "old order" still has a foothold — a habit, a pattern of thinking, a relationship dynamic. Bring it before God in prayer this week and ask Him what it would look like to let Him make that area new.

For the one who wants to prepare for the wedding:

- Pastor Brian asked what we are doing to adorn ourselves and get ready. Identify one spiritual discipline, one act of service, or one posture of the heart that you want to cultivate this week as an act of preparation and devotion to God.

For the one who leads or influences others:

- Think about the people in your sphere of influence who have not yet responded to God's invitation. Pray for one person by name every day this week. Ask God for an opportunity to share what this hope means to you.

Closing Prayer

Read the following words from the sermon aloud together as a group, then close in prayer:

"There is a peace, an everlasting peace, that is only found in the great white light of His perfect love."

- Thank God that the old order does not have the final word.
- Ask Him to give your group endurance and hope while you wait.
- Invite Him to prepare each person in the room as a bride made ready for her husband.