



SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 2 September 29, 2024
"Redemption's Call"



OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we gather today, open us by the Holy Spirit to a deeper understanding of your grace. Let us see your redeeming work from beginning to end. Help us trust in your never-failing love. May the Holy Spirit give us new eyes to see and new ears to hear your call through the Holy Scriptures. All this we pray in Jesus' precious name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Revelation 5:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

*"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language
and people and nation.*

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom
and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV)

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They

will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 22:17, 20-21 (NIV)

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

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INTRODUCTION

When reading, some people are tempted to read the ending first. While this tells you how the story ends, it does not always make sense and you often feel less attached to the epic conclusion. In not knowing the journey, the ending loses some its import. In looking at the major themes from the beginning of the Bible, we can see how they continue all the way to its end. God’s desire to abide with people, how praiseworthy the Lord is, and the consistent call for our redemption are but some of the themes that echo from cover-to-cover. Let us marvel at the Bible’s ending and what it means for us in our daily walk of faith.

QUESTIONS

1. When have you felt God’s presence in your life?
2. The Bible contains many accounts of people praising God. For what reasons do you praise God?
3. In what ways do you articulate God’s love when asked about it by others?
4. How have you experienced God’s redemption? What has God saved/is saving you from?
5. Since God continues to call people unto Him, how will we participate in bringing people to a personal relationship with the Lord?

FINAL APPLICATION

Since God wishes to abide with humanity forever, will you make some extra room this week to abide with God? Enjoy these moments that are just between you and the Lord. From this time apart, what is one step you can take this week to better express God’s love and redeeming power towards people?