



A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

SESSION FIVE | Restoration

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Scripture

Revelation 21

Objective

Session 5 brings a challenge. Our Christian worldview has been distorted in modern times to view heaven as somewhere else—we want to bring this vision (quite literally) back down to earth. We view our Christian future as an escape to another place—and that place is heaven. Yet the consummation of all things in the bible takes place on this earth! The objective of session five is to push people to think about the implications of a "this world" faith. We want people to begin to think, what can we do now knowing that God is redeeming this world and making it fit for his return?

****** Note: everyone thinks heaven is where we are going and, wherever that is, it is not here. And this is wrong—leaders need to emphasize this to get people to come to terms with our destination. Our future is a redeemed earth, and that should change the way we see the world today and act within it. ******

Questions

1. Share five words that describe heaven. Where have these words come from and do they align with the vision of Revelation 21? Which five words describe the celestial city? Compare your two lists.
2. Doug gave two examples of heavenly things here on earth—a painting and a lemon tart. What do you think of his choices? What would be your choices?
3. Christians of the past reflected often on their eternal future. How does your vision of the future affect you now, how does it affect the advice you give your kids about the direction of their lives?
4. Can there be work completed here that will survive the judgment to come? In eternity, will there painting, building, cooking, and baking? If so, what should we be doing now?

Recap

Session five emphasizes the incarnate nature of redemption—we reject any dualist interpretation of the world. There is no sacred/secular divide in heaven and neither should there be on earth. I mentioned two people that I think get this right. Dario Cecchini, Tuscan butcher. Check him out [HERE](#), on YouTube, or look for him on Netflix, Chef's Table. The other is the recently deceased architect, Christopher Alexander. Check out his "Making the Garden" [HERE](#). You can also listen to him [HERE](#) in an interview on NPR.