

FACILITATOR / TEACHER GUIDE

Now & Then – Session 6

The Day Everything Is Made New

How Do We Live Now in Light of What Is Coming?

Revelation 21:1–5

SESSION PURPOSE

This final session anchors the believer’s hope in the promised future of God’s Kingdom **without disconnecting from responsibility in the present.**

Using **Revelation 21**, participants will see that God’s ultimate promise is not escape *from* the world, but renewal *of* it. The future new creation reshapes how believers live now—calling them to faithfulness, perseverance, and hopeful engagement rather than withdrawal, fear, or resignation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, participants should be able to:

- Understand Revelation 21 as renewal, not escape
 - Anchor present faithfulness in future restoration
 - Resist “holding on until Jesus comes” passivity
 - Embrace living “in the world but not of it”
 - See hope as fuel for obedience, not avoidance
 - Commit to living as people of the coming Kingdom now
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KEY PASSAGE

- **Revelation 21:1–5**

Supporting Scriptures

- John 17:14–18
- Luke 19:13
- Romans 8:18–25
- 2 Peter 3:11–13



SESSION LENGTH

60–75 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bible
 - Participant discussion guide
 - Pen
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SESSION FLOW

1. WELCOME & FINAL ORIENTATION (5 minutes)

Facilitator Guidance:

Name that this session *completes* the journey. Invite participants to hear Revelation not as speculation, but as formation.

Opening Thought:

The future God promises is not an escape plan—but the culmination of everything He has been doing all along.

Opening Question (optional):

When you think about the future, do you feel more anticipation—or detachment?

2. THE PROMISE OF A MADE-NEW WORLD (Revelation 21:1–5) (10 minutes)

Teaching Focus:

God does not abandon creation—He renews it.

Read Scripture:

Revelation 21:1–5

Key Insight:

The Bible ends not with heaven replacing earth, but heaven **joining** earth.

Facilitator Notes:

Slow this reading down. Let “God dwelling with His people” sink in.



Discussion Question:

What stands out to you most about how God describes the future?

3. MOVEMENT 1 – WHY THIS IS NOT ESCAPISM (10 minutes)

Teaching Focus:

Christian hope is forward-looking without being disengaged.

Read Scripture:

John 17:15–18

2 Peter 3:11–13

Key Truths to Emphasize

- Jesus prays for presence, not removal
- Hope reforms conduct
- Future renewal demands present holiness

Reflection Questions

- Why is escapism tempting?
 - How does Scripture correct that instinct?
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4. MOVEMENT 2 – LIVING BETWEEN PROMISE AND FULFILLMENT (10 minutes)

Teaching Focus:

Revelation strengthens endurance, not detachment.

Read Scripture:

Romans 8:18–25

Key Insight:

Hope teaches us **how to wait**, not whether to wait.

Facilitator Tip:

Highlight that hope sustains effort—it does not excuse retreat.

Discussion Questions

- How does future glory reshape present suffering?
 - What kind of patience does hope demand?
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5. MOVEMENT 3 – OCCUPY UNTIL I COME (10 minutes)



Teaching Focus:

Waiting in Scripture always includes responsibility.

Read Scripture:

Luke 19:11–13

Key Emphasis

- Faithful presence matters
- Stewardship continues until Christ returns
- Waiting ≠ inactivity

Facilitator Insight:

This ties directly back to Session 5’s call to participation.

Reflection Questions

- What does “faithful occupation” look like today?
 - Where has God entrusted you with influence or responsibility?
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6. MOVEMENT 4 – LIVING AS PEOPLE OF THE NEW CREATION (10 minutes)**Teaching Focus:**

The future shapes how we live, love, and endure now.

Read Scripture:

Revelation 21:3–5

Colossians 3:1–4

Key Truth:

We live now according to what we know is coming.

Discussion Questions

- How does this future redefine success?
 - How should new-creation hope shape our priorities?
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7. SERIES SUMMARY & FINAL CORE INSIGHT (5 minutes)**Key Insight:**

The promise of restoration gives meaning to faithful living now.

Core Takeaway:

Because God will make all things new, our present faithfulness matters deeply.



8. FINAL REFLECTION & SENDING PRACTICE (5 minutes)

Final Reflection Question:

Where might God be calling you to live more faithfully *because* of what He has promised?

Practice for the Week

- Read **Revelation 21:1–5** daily
- Ask: “*How can I reflect what is coming?*”
- Choose one area to live with renewed hope and faithfulness

Closing Prayer

Pray for endurance, courage, hope, and joyful obedience.

FACILITATOR REMINDER

Hope is not withdrawal.

Hope is faithful presence energized by promise.

