

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for December 5, 2021

## Sermon Notes

### **Life in the New and Better Eden**

Revelation 22:1-6

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." Revelation 22:1-6*

Life in the new and better Eden means constant satisfaction and abundance. (v1)

Life in the new and better Eden means consistent provision and healing. (v2)

Life in the new and better Eden includes work that is delightful and meaningful. (v3)

Life in the new and better Eden means intimacy with God that is uninterrupted. (vv4-5)

Life in the new and better Eden is the trustworthy promise of God. (v6)

Applications

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## Weekly Discipleship Guide

### Know

**What does God intend for me to know?  
In your journal, use the following prompts to write  
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

### Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?  
In your journal, use the following questions to write  
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

### Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write  
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

Why is seeing the face of God the greatest blessing of all the new creation? What does it mean to seek his face now? How are you doing that right now? What new commitments can you make in the new year to intensify this pursuit?

How does this passage help us gain an eternal perspective for our work, or vocation? How does gaining an eternal perspective on our work direct the way we go about our work here and now? (Think specifically about your own work or vocation)

Pastor Gerald walked us through a portion of 1 Corinthians 15 on Sunday, part of which offers us some insight into our resurrected bodies. Why is v. 58 such an appropriate close to such a chapter? How should that verse, as a closing charge of this particular chapter, encourage us and motivate us?

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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