BOOKENDS

Sunday, May 1, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 2 | From Garden to City

Genesis 2:4-17: Revelation 21:9-22:5

God plants the **GARDEN**

about the Garden Genesis 2:4-17ff

paradise, God's presence Genesis 3:8; Revelation 21:3

to grow into a **CITY**

the tale of two cities in Scripture Genesis 1:26-28ff; 2:19-20; Genesis 11:1-9; Revelation 21:9-22:5

about the City Revelation 21:9-22:5; Hebrews 11:10-16

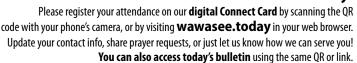
where he'll **LIVE WITH US!**

God loves us and wants good for us Jeremiah 32:36-42

choose your treasure Matthew 6:19-21ff; Hebrews 13:14











Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

Getting Started

Part of our time together is learning more about one another and sharing life. Toward that end...

What is the most beautiful place you have ever been? Describe the place in terms of sights and sounds.

Review...

We're in a series called Bookends, looking at the beginning and the end of Scripture, and how they parallel one another. **Review your message notes.** What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

Digging Deeper

In the future, God will bring our present universe to an end. Then in a dazzling display of power, God will create a new heaven and new earth as our dwelling place forever. The apostle John caught a glimpse of God's new creation, and words almost failed to describe the glorious sight he saw. **Read Revelation 21–22.**

- 1. As you look back through these chapters, what one scene would you like to capture in a photograph?
- 2. What fact about heaven is new to you either from reading Revelation 21-22 or from this weekend's message?
- 3. What promise from God is most significant?
- 4. What has caused you "mourning or crying or pain" over the past year?

- 5. How does it make you feel to know that these old things will pass away (**Revelation 21:4**)?
- 6. Why did God reveal to John so many details about the new Jerusalem —the measurements, the stones, the streets (21:12–21)?
- 7. What will be missing from the future city (21:22–27), and why is each absence significant?
- 8. **According to 22:1–5**, what will the inhabitants of the city be doing?
- 9. Who is excluded from the city (21:8; 22:15)?
- 10. What do their actions on earth demonstrate about their relationship with Jesus Christ?
- 11. Who can gain entrance to God's city, and on what basis does that person enter (22:17)?

Closing

Read Hebrews 11:8-16. What was Abraham looking forward to and living for? Why?

Read Hebrews 13:14. What should we be living for? Why?

Pray for everyone in your group by name.

This week's Study Guide is adapted from Douglas Connelly, Heaven: Finding Our True Home: 8
Studies for Individuals or Groups: With Notes for Leaders, A LifeGuide Bible Study (Downers Grove, IL:
NP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2000). 38-40.

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Psalm 24:1-7 (CSB)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD; ² for he laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers. ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not appealed to what is false, and who has not sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who inquire of him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah ⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors! Then the King of glory will come in.