



Bible Study Questions

15th December 2024

Revelation 21:1-7

Introduction

During this season of Advent, we are briefly looking at three aspects of Jesus' arrival: compassion, restoration, and justice. This week is on compassion.

Start by asking: What does restoration mean to you? Have you ever embarked on a restoration project?

Read & Reflect

Read Revel 21:1-7 at least twice using different versions of the Bible. As you read or listen to the words, reflect and share on the following:

- What stands out or what do you notice?
- What questions are raised for you?
- What might the Holy Spirit be saying to you?

Questions

Christmas is a season of hope, joy, and celebration, centered on the birth of Jesus Christ. Yet, it is also a time to remember the ultimate purpose of His coming: to restore a broken world and bring about the fulfilment of God's plan for His creation. Revelation 21:1-7 offers a glimpse into this glorious future—a new heaven and a new earth where God dwells with His people. Through the lens of Christmas, this passage reminds us that the baby born in Bethlehem is also the King who will make all things new.

- How does the promise of a new heaven and earth bring hope to our lives today?
- In what ways does the promise of restoration in Revelation 21 deepen your understanding of the significance of Jesus' birth?
- How does the imagery of the new Jerusalem inspire hope amid the brokenness we experience today?
- How does the hope of a world without pain and death impact the way you celebrate Christmas?

Application

- As you look around at the world today, where do you see brokenness?
- How might you pray and what could you do in partnership with Jesus to bring about restoration in areas of brokenness around us?
- How has (or is) Jesus restoring you?
- What is one hope you have for restoration in your own life?