

**DATE**: Sunday, January 22, 2023 **TITLE**: Everything Is Awesome!

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INTRO	<b>)</b> :	
4 REA	SONS EVERYTHING WILL BE AWESOME IN	N THE END:
1)	Heaven and Earth will be totally <u>THAT'S AWESOME</u> ! (v1-2)	and totally:
	cf., Isaiah 65:17; Psalm 102:25-27; Matthew 2	24:35
2)	We will have uninterrupted(v3)	with God: <u>THAT'S AWESOME</u> !
3)	God will be our forever Source of	: <i>THAT'S AWESOME</i> ! (v4-5)
	cf., Isaiah 25:8-9	
4)	We will finally know as it's	meant to be: <u>THAT'S AWESOME</u> ! (v6-



# **SMALL GROUPS** Curriculum

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## **DISCUSSION:**

- **1.** What are some things in life that you consider to be 'awesome'? In your mind, what makes those things 'awesome'?
- 2. In verses 1 and 2, John "sees" a glimpse of eternity despite his present problems. What makes it difficult for you to "see" the hope of eternity despite your current challenges? Who do you have in your life who can help you "see" correctly when you can't "see" these realities for yourself?
- 3. What comes to mind when you think of 'inheritance' (i.e., "heritage," v7)? Who does Jesus say will have the inheritance (or heritage) of the new heaven and the new earth (v7)? Does this include you? Why did you make that conclusion?
- 4. Who will not inherit the new heaven and the new earth (v8)?
- **5.** Define these terms:

Coward	
Faithless	
Detestable	
Murderer (See 1 JOHN 3:15)	
Sexually immoral (See MATTHEW 5:28-	
27)	
Sorcerer (See:	
https://www.gotquestions.org/ Bible-	
sorcery.html)	
Idolater (See PHILIPPIANS 3:19,	
MATTHEW 6:24)	
Liar	

**6.** Reads James 2:10. How can a person have confidence in their inheritance? \* (If you cannot answer this question with assurance, please reach out to a ministry leader or a staff member. We would be delighted to open the Word with you and show you what Scripture says about salvation.)

- 7. What is God making new (v5)? What else has God made new (2 Corinthians 5:17)?
- **8.** Read Revelation 21:1-8 and write down everything that changes when the new heaven and the new earth come down. Linger with this list. Marvel at God's amazing work, compassion, and relentless pursuit of his people. Praise and thank Him.
- **9.** How does this amazing picture of our eternal lives with God bring you comfort and encouragement?

### PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 21:1-8):

#### THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- God creates the new heaven and new earth (v1)
- God brings down the new Jerusalem out of heaven like a bride prepared for her husband (v2)
- God dwells with us; He is our God and we are His people (v3, 7)
- God will wipe every tear from our eyes (v4)
- God will permanently abolish death, mourning, crying, and pain (v4)
- Jesus is making all things new (v5)
- Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (v6)
- Jesus will satisfy every thirst in himself (v6)
- God will justly judge all who refuse to believe in him (v8)

#### REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Lord, you are worthy of my praise because I see your power in creation when I look at . . .
- Lord, thank you for bringing me comfort when . . .

#### RESPONSE:

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Lord Jesus, I confess I've tried to satisfy my spiritual thirst with . . .
- Lord, I admit that sometimes I despair because I'm overwhelmed with \_\_\_\_\_ and I forget that
  you will make all things new help me walk by faith
- Lord, I haven't always remembered that you are with me, especially when...

# **REQUEST:**

- Lord, I need your comfort when it comes to . . .
- Lord, please help me to see my struggle with \_\_\_\_\_ in light of eternity I need your help!
- Lord, please help \_\_\_\_\_ (name of loved one) to want the new spiritual life only you can give

#### **READINESS:**

- Lord, when we are tempted to despair because of \_\_\_\_\_\_, we will remember that you will make all things new
- Lord, when \_\_\_\_\_ feels out of control, we will trust that you are at the beginning and the end of that circumstance you are the Alpha and the Omega
- Lord Jesus, today I will trust in you for the grace I need for . . .
- Lord Jesus, come!