



Resources

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Revelation 22:1-5

1 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 2 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. 3 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. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 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.

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- I. The River of Life (1)
 - II. The Tree(s) of Life (2)
 - III. The Face of God (3-4)
 - IV. The Glory of God (5)

Life Group Leader Notes:





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- The Garden of Eden has been called paradise because of its description (Eden means delight) and human's perfect communion with God. Consider the description of the New Jerusalem in chapter 21 and these verses in chapter 22. In what ways is New Jerusalem a better version of the Garden of Eden?

 - The source of the river of life is the throne of God and of the Lamb. What are the implications of this being the water source? What other passages in Scripture point to this living water? How would you describe the ways this living water has quenched the thirst in your life?

 - The tree of life and its twelve kinds of fruit offer life, abundance, and health to God's people in the New Jerusalem. What fruits are offered to us **in this life** that promise life, abundance, and health? How do these compare with the life, abundance, and health in our future city we see described in Revelation 21 and 22?

 - John writes that in the New Jerusalem God's servants will see his face and bear his name on their foreheads. We will see Him just as He is and have his likeness and glory displayed in us (1 John 3:2). If this will be the culmination of our earthly lives and the beginning of our heavenly eternity, what is the glory of heaven? What is the glory of life on earth? Who is the goal of the Gospel? Does this teach us something contrary to what we have been taught about the nature of heaven?

 - While we live in an unpredictable world today, we trust in a secure future when our God will dwell with us. What unpredictabilities are you facing this week? What does God's presence now and in the promised future give you to walk through this week?

