

# The Coming City

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**BIG IDEA**

*Christian hope is not ultimately our escape from creation, but God coming to make everything new.*

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**KEY SCRIPTURES**

*Genesis 3; Revelation 11:7; 21:1-5, 22-27; 22:1-2*

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1. Revelation 21:1-5 describes the Holy City “coming down out of heaven from God.” How does the direction of the City reshape the way you think about Christian hope?
2. Where are you most tempted to escape, withdraw, or give up because something feels too broken to change?
3. Revelation 21:3-4 emphasizes God dwelling with His people and wiping every tear from their eyes. What does this reveal about the relationship between God’s presence and His promise to make all things new?
4. What is the difference between making something broken disappear and making it new? Where might God be calling you to participate in renewal rather than simply distance yourself from the mess?
5. Revelation 21:22-27 describes a City illuminated by God’s glory where the Lamb is its lamp. What does it mean practically to allow the Lamb’s light to illuminate your present life?
6. Nothing impure, shameful, or deceitful enters the City (Revelation 21:27). What part of your life are you most reluctant to bring fully under the light of Jesus?
7. Think about the image of a greenhouse growing signs of spring while winter still surrounds it. Where have you seen reconciliation, holiness, welcome, beauty, or healing begin to grow even though difficult circumstances remained?
8. Revelation 22:1-2 brings the tree of life from Genesis back into the biblical story, now bearing leaves “for the healing of the nations.” What does this teach us about the scope of God’s redemption?
9. “God’s redemption is personal, but never merely private.” Where could the healing God is doing in you become healing through you for someone else?
10. Can the life of a City where no tear remains take root in you while you live in a world that breaks your heart? What would making room for God to revive something cold, tired, or dormant in you look like right now?