

Winter School of Truth 2020

Group Guide

Lesson Twelve—Key Topics Of The Bible — The New Jerusalem

Background:

Among people today and especially among the Christians there is a false concept concerning heaven and the eternal dwelling place of God with His people. Many think that everyone goes to heaven and is “in a better place.” It seems that many seriously flawed concepts about what happens to people after they perish is common. Even the thought of the New Jerusalem as a physical city is a wrong concept. We have to be unveiled with this key topic in the Bible to see what the New Jerusalem is in reality.

Burden to Impart:

Our burden in this lesson is to be unveiled concerning the New Jerusalem as the divine-human incorporation—the mingling of divinity and humanity. Even in a practical way how we can become beings of the New Jerusalem in this age by allowing the Lord to mingle Himself with us in every part of our being. We need to be impressed that the New Jerusalem is the wife of the Lamb and a loving couple for eternity. For this we need to love the Lord with our first and best love today to be beautified and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Focus:

The focus in this lesson is the conclusion of the Bible in the clear revelation of the New Jerusalem. We need apply the interpretation of the New Jerusalem and various significances to our living today. Our burden is to be made beings of the New Jerusalem by being brought up level by level and step by step through all the processes of God’s organic salvation.

Points for serving ones to consider

The below points are suggestions that may be useful for the servings ones to prepare for the group time. These points are suggestions to help bring out fellowship concerning the burden of the message. Do not feel you that you need to go through all of them.

1. What is the common thought among people about heaven being man’s destiny? How does this compare with the conclusion of the Bible in Revelation 21 & 22?
2. Briefly explain what the Bible means by “New Jerusalem”. Is it a physical city? How do we know?
3. Use verses from Revelation 21 & 22 to show how the New Jerusalem is the masterpiece of God’s work throughout the generations.
4. What does it mean that the New Jerusalem is the wife of the Lamb? What does this mean to us today in our pursuit of the Lord?

Ministry Reading, Questions and Memory Verses

The ministry reading, questions and memory verses are listed in the handbooks and should be used consideration of the capacity of the group you are shepherding. We hope that there would be opportunity in each group time to read a little of the chapter as much as time and capacity allows.

READING ASSIGNMENT:

The Bible—The Word of God, lesson 9, Roman III
<https://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm?s=L>