The Sovereignty of God

Alpha and Omega

November 2016
Adult Sunday School Handout

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC
November 6, 2016
“Everything Is Brand New”
Background Scriptures—Revelation 21:1-8

Daily Home Bible Readings

October 31, 2016    Exodus 29:42-46
November 1, 2016   Psalm 15
November 2, 2016    Isaiah 65:20-25
November 3, 2016    John 6:35-40
November 4, 2016    Jude 20-25
November 5, 2016    Revelation 7:13-17
November 6, 2016    Revelation 21:1-8

Key Verse
Revelation 21:4

Lesson Outline

I. United        Revelation 21:1-4
II. Separated    Revelation 21:5-8

Questions

1. What imagery comes to mind when you read Revelation 21:1?
2. Often in the context of preaching and in everyday conversation, references are made to us ascending to heaven? The text in Revelation 2 references the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven. Does this change your perspective of heaven? Why or why not?
3. How does the imagery of the beauty of New Jerusalem depicted as a bride adorned for her husband relate to the church and it’s relationship to Jesus Christ?
4. Revelation 21:4 speaks of the eradication of tears, death, sorrow, etc. Why do you think we are allowed to experience these things in the present, but will not be allowed to experience them in the New Jerusalem?
5. How can we teach new converts and young Christians to prepare for the New Jerusalem?
6. How do you tap into the tremendous power of the Holy Spirit?
7. How would you describe an ‘overcomer’? How do you arrive at being an overcomer?
November 13, 2016
“A New Jerusalem”
Background Scripture - Revelation 21:9-27

Daily Home Bible Readings
November 7, 2016  Genesis 1:28-2:3
November 8, 2016  Ezekiel 43:1-9
November 9, 2016  Revelation 3:10-12
November 10, 2016  Revelation 21:1-4
November 11, 2016  Revelation 21:5-8
November 12, 2016  Revelation 21:15-21
November 13, 2016  Revelation 21:9-14, 22-27

Key Verse
Revelation 21: 22, 23

Lesson Outline
I. Outside the Holy City  Revelation 21:9-14
II. Inside the Holy City  Revelation 21:22-27

Questions
1. What would you envision the Brides appearance as it relates to Revelation 21:9?
2. If you were an artist what would you draw from the imagery described in Revelation 21:11-14? If you are an artist bring your drawing of this scripture with you to class.
3. How would you explain Rev. 21:22 with God as the Temple, rather than having the church as the temple of God, to a new convert? To a child or youth?
4. When power fails in your home or workplace, how does it make you feel? What impact do you think it would have on you and your family if there was a time when you would NEVER be without power/light?
5. Gates in Biblical times were a form of security for those within the gate. What do you imagine it would be like to never be concerned about being/feeling safe/secure?
6. What do you look forward to that relates to a sin free life as described in Rev. 21:27?
November 20, 2016
“Living Waters”

Background Scripture - Revelation 22:1-7

Daily Home Bible Readings

November 14, 2016  2 Kings 5:10-14
November 15, 2016  Ezekiel 47:1, 2, 12
November 16, 2016  Psalm 46
November 17, 2016  Isaiah 41:17-20
November 18, 2016  Isaiah 42:10-17
November 19, 2016  Matthew 9:2-8
November 20, 2016  Revelation 22:1-7

Key Verses
Revelation 22:1

Lesson Outline
I. John Sees…  Revelation 22:1-5
II. John Hears…  Revelation 22:6, 7

Questions
1. What were the differences between John and Ezekiel's description of the source of the river?
2. Revelation 22:2 describes in detail the Tree of Life. What is the significance of the location of the Tree? How much fruit would the tree bear? The power of the tree’s leaves?
4. Why do you think John stated “they shall see his face”? Explain.
5. Rev. 22:5 makes another reference to light and darkness. What is the significance of light and darkness in the walk of a Christian?
6. There were expressions of hope for the future in Revelation 22:1-7. How can we serve as light promises in a dark world?
7. How can we keep the word of the promises found in Revelation ever before us? Our family? Those who do not yet know Jesus?
November 27, 2016
“The First and The Last”
Background Scripture - Revelation 22:8-21

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Key Verse
Revelation 22:13

Lesson Outline
I. Paths, Beginnings, Divisions  Revelation 22:11-15
II. Testimony, Offer, Warning    Revelation 22:16-19
III. Promising, Yearning, Finishing Revelation 22:20, 21

Questions
1. Why do you think there was such a strong contrasting statement made in Rev. 22:11?
2. Why do you think it was important for a blessing to appear so close to the end of Revelation?
3. Would you consider yourself an overcomer? Explain in what way/s?
4. Jesus says, “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto these things in the churches.” In what ways has the church ignored what has been given us by “the angel”? In what ways have we honored what has been given to us by the angel?
5. Is there a possibility that the church could hinder the invitation issued by the “Spirit”? Explain.
6. Why is it important for us not to add to or take away from this prophetic book?
7. What can each of us do to help other Christians be ready for Christ return as it relates to knowledge of the Word? Faith? Service? Mission?
Shall We Gather At The River

1 Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. [Refrain]

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]

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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School Classes

Children’s Division
1st—4th Sunday
9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Youth Division
1st—4th Sunday
9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Adult Division
9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

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| Middle School (grades 6,7,8) |
| Conference Center A |
| Senior High (grades 9-12) |
| Room 303 |

| New Millennium (ages 18-35) |
| Room 133 |

| Christian Leadership (Adults) |
| Conf. Center D |

| Current Events and the Bible (Adults) (Rm209) |
| Empowered Disciples (Adults) |
| Conf. Center C |

| Volunteer (Adults) Room 135 |
| Married Couples Bible Elective |
| (Church Library 3rd FL) |

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Bible Study Schedule

Seniors 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday @ 10:30am (1 Peter)
(NEW) Tabatha’s Daughters and Son’s Empowerment Bible Study - January 2017

Men’s Bible Study—2nd and 4th Tuesday @ 7 pm
Wednesday Evenings - @ 7 pm (2 Peter)
Thursday Evenings - @ 7:00pm (2 Kings)
Women’s Bible Study - 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 3 pm
“Fervent” Priscilla Shirer
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday School

**Intergenerational Sunday—5th Sundays**
No Children and Youth Sunday School. Families are asked to worship together

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