

**DAYS 1 & 2 – REVELATION 21:1-4**

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2.
  - a. According to verse 1, what does John see after the dead are judged?
  - b. What does he mean by this language? (See CCC 1042-1043)
3. According to CCC 1405, what clear sign of this hope do we have in the Church today?
4.
  - a. Why was it necessary that the former heaven and earth pass away? (See Rom 8:18-22; CCC 1048)
  - b. How should the expectation of a new earth affect our concern for the earth today? (See CCC 1049)
5. What aspect(s) of the new heavens and the new earth described in Isaiah 65:17-25 do you find most appealing?
6.
  - a. What did John see coming down out of heaven from God?
  - b. What, in the liturgy today, is compared to the holy city? (See CCC 756)
7.
  - a. What does the loud voice from the throne say in verse 3?
  - b. In what ways does God dwell with His people today? (See CCC 260, 1088)
8. How are the blessings listed in verses 3 & 4 reminiscent of God's promises in:
  - Ezekiel 37:27 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Isaiah 25:8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Isaiah 35:10 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Isaiah 65:17 \_\_\_\_\_
9. What truth do you find about death in 1 Corinthians 15:26?

**DAY 3 – REVELATION 21:5-8**

10.
  - a. The voice from the throne declares "Behold, I make all things new". How was the new creation ushered in? (See CCC 2174)
  - b. Which is the greater work – the new creation or the first creation? Explain. (See CCC 349)
  - c. How is "creation" made new on a personal level? (See 2 Cor 5:17; CCC 1265)
11.
  - a. What will God give to the thirsty?

b. What is different about this “water”? (See Jn 4:13-14, 7:37-39)

c. How have you experienced this thirst? **(Personal)**

12. Who will inherit the gifts?

13. a. How is the second death described and who will experience it?

b. How does verse 8 show that our entrance into heaven is not unconditionally guaranteed?

#### **DAY 4 – REVELATION 21:9-14**

14. Contrast the vision shown to John by the angel in verse 9 with the vision in Revelation 17:1.

15. What words are used to describe the splendor of the Bride?

16. How are the 12 tribes of Israel incorporated in the holy city Jerusalem?

17. a. What made up the city wall’s foundation?

b. How did Paul allude to this structure in Ephesians 2:19-22?

c. How is this structure present to us today? (See CCC 860-862)

d. Why is it important to have this permanent foundation? (See CCC 869)

#### **DAY 5 – REVELATION 21:15-27**

18. a. How does John attempt to express in words the indescribable beauty of heaven?

b. Why should our churches strive to be places of beauty? (See CCC 1198)

c. How have the aesthetics of a church affected your experience of God? **(Personal)**

19. What was Tobit’s prophecy about the New Jerusalem? (See Tb 13:16-17)

20. a. How does the shape and composition of the city compare to the inner temple (holy of holies) in 1 Kings 6:19-22?

b. Why was there no longer any need for a temple, sun, or moon?

c. How does John 1:4-9 take on new meaning in light of today’s verses from Revelation?

21. What prophecies from Isaiah 60 are fulfilled in today’s verses?

22. Verse 27 says that nothing unclean/impure will enter heaven. What hope is there for those who die in God’s grace but are not perfectly purified? (See CCC 1030-1031)