

I. Synopsis

All the days leading up to Christmas, it is easy to focus on the external frills and trimmings of the celebration. During this season of Advent, we want to focus on WHO instead of WHAT. Today's the passage of Scripture looks ahead to the time when Jesus will return to make all things new.

II. Ice Breaker Question

What do you like about celebrating Christmas?

III. Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25(ESV)

IV. Discussion Questions

1. Isaiah's passage paints a picture of Heaven. There is a mirror passage in Revelation 21:1-8, which talks about Heaven. Based on these passages how is Heaven different than our lives on earth? What about Heaven are you looking forward to experiencing?
2. Isaiah writes, "The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind" (65:17). How does this impact the painful memories of our lives? How does this impact who we are in Heaven? How do you feel about the fact that people who have caused you pain may be in Heaven?
3. Read Revelation 22:17. Why does John encourage believers to invite others? Who extended an invitation to you to hear about Jesus? What encouraged you to receive the invitation? How has your life changed due to receiving the invitation? Who is Jesus calling you to extend an invitation to hear about His love?