

## **STUDY GUIDE: “New Destination”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Do you have any big trips planned? What steps do you need to do to prepare for the trip?
2. List all of the things that you have learned about heaven through pop culture (movies, books, etc.). Which ones of these are biblically accurate? Which ones are fiction?

### **Study**

3. In preparation for this study read: Revelation 21:1-27, Revelation 22:1-8, John 14:1-6, Luke 23:39-43, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Concordance. Strong's Concordance is a good tool and [Blueletterbible.org](http://Blueletterbible.org) is a good tool to use for online study. I have also included Strong's Reference numbers to assist you. The letter before the reference pertains to the original language (H-Hebrew, G-Greek).

If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“today” (Luke 23:43 Strong's Reference # g4594)—

--“prepare” (John 14:2 Strong's Reference # g2090)—

--“new” (Revelation 21:1 Strong's Reference # g2537)—

--"death" (Revelation 21:4 Strong's Reference # g2288)—

--“curse” (Revelation 22:3 Strong’s Reference g2652)—

5. Read Revelation 21: 1-2. Why does God need to create a new heaven and new earth? (hint – the answer is not “because the old ones had passed away”, go further than that) What does the creation of a new heaven and earth teach us about God’s character?
6. Read Genesis 2:10-17 and Revelation 22:1-5. What is the significance of the new garden in Revelation? What does that symbolize to the Christian?
7. What do you know about “soul sleep” vs. being immediately present with the Lord? Which view do you see as being biblically accurate? Give examples from the Bible. (You may need to do some extra research for this.)

## **Taking It Home**

8. What practical steps do you need to take to prepare for your New Destination?
9. How can your views of your New Destination affect your response to losing a job, having to move, etc.?