



Last week's follow up (before video): How did your growth area go this week? Would anyone want to share a story of how they sought to grow and how that went?

1. When you think about "the end times," what thoughts, feelings and images come to mind?
2. If you could dream up a perfect world, what would it look like?
3. **Read Matthew 24:9-14.** What kinds of things does Jesus promise will happen to his followers during this life?
4. What is our responsibility in spite of this persecution, according to verses 12-14?
5. **Read Revelation 21:1-8.** What does John see in verses 1-2? What is surprising about that?
6. What do the words "heavens," "earth" and "city" mean? How is a city on earth different than you may have imagined eternity looking like?
7. What is taken away in verse 7?
8. How would you live differently if you truly believed that this was your inheritance, your destiny? How does hope of what Jesus will do in the future give you courage to do what he has given you to do today?

***This Week: Spend some time doing some "theological day-dreaming." Set aside 15 minutes to go somewhere you love being or to do something you really enjoy, and imagine being free to enjoy this forever, without temptation, sadness or death. Thank God that he will restore life on earth as it was meant to be.***

For Further Study:

- *Exploring Christian Theology* vol. 3 by Nathan Holsteen and Michael Svigel
- *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn
- *Surprised by Hope* by N. T. Wright