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Week 1

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE - ISAIAH 43:18-19, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 & REVELATION 21:1-5

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” — *Isaiah 43:18-19*

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. — *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” — *Revelation 21:1-5*



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CONNECT

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What is causing you stress this week?
- As a group, how can we help?

REFLECT

- What is one thing that encouraged and challenged you from the weekend message?
- What has God been teaching you this week from The Most Excellent Way series daily devotions?
- Have someone retell the Scripture from the previous meeting.
- How did you live out your response and/or share the Scripture this past week?

DISCOVER

- Together read this week's Scripture two times out loud. (Use two different translations or versions, if possible.)
- Encourage someone to retell the passage in their own words, with others filling in anything missing.

DISCUSS

- What does this Scripture say about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or His Plan?
- What does this Scripture say about people in general?
- What action do I need to take as a result of reading this Scripture? (think *costly obedience*)
- Who in your life needs to hear this story/Scripture?

PRAY

- Take prayer requests and pray together