September 14, 2025 Discussion Guide Scripture reading: Ezekiel 47-48

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. - Hebrews 9:24

*How did you take the holiness of God seriously this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Did you B.L.E.S.S. someone this past week? (Begin in prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share)
- What stood out from this past week's reading?
 - o What do you have questions about?

READ and ASK: Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 4:10-15; John 7:37-39

- If you picture the image of Ezekiel's river, what do you see the river accomplishing?
- How does Jesus use this image of living water and apply it to himself?
 - o How do you see Jesus as the fulfillment of Ezekiel's vision?
 - o What does it mean that Jesus is the living water?
 - What does it mean that living water will run through those who come to Jesus?
 - o How do followers of Jesus fulfill what God has always wanted for his people?
- The image of the river flowing from the temple symbolizes the flourishing that God provides His people and those they come in contact with. What does true flourishing look like in contrast to the worldly definition of success?

READ and ASK: Ezekiel 48:30-35, Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27; 22:1-5

- What do you find significant about the last words (the name of the city) of the book of Ezekiel?

- How does that compare to Revelation 21-22? How do you see the closing chapters of Ezekiel compared to the closing chapters of Revelation?
- What does that communicate about God's goals?

APPLY:

- What excites you about eternal life in the new heaven and earth?
- How does your conception of God mesh or contrast with the picture in Revelation of God on the throne as the main attraction in heaven? Is your idea of God as magnificent as he is pictured there?
- What have you found as the greatest personal value in studying the book of Ezekiel?
 - o NEXT STEPS: How do you need to come to Jesus as the living water?
 - What is the most significant way you need to obey God after studying Ezekiel?

Memory Work:

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. - John 7:38

Next Week's Reading: Matthew 16:13-20