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Revelation 21-22 Mark Mitchell

1. Mark described the Kingdom of God as having a “now and not yet” aspect to it. How does this description help us with real problems in our world and at the same time whet our appetite for the future kingdom?

2. Read Revelation 21. What about the following seven descriptions of the “Not Yet Kingdom” encourage you today?
 - Heaven is described as a real place with a physical nature to it. What does it mean that we will be the most human we have ever been when we arrive in heaven?

 - Heaven is described as a sacred place (vv. 16-17). God dwells and the glory of God radiates in it and from it. What will be different for us in this sacred place?

 - Heaven is described as a safe place. What unsafe reality are you most looking forward to leaving behind when you go to heaven?

 - Heaven is described as a spectacular place. What difference does it make that the slain Lamb of God is the source of the glory of God?

 - Heaven is described as a spacious place. How does it affect us on earth to know that heaven will have room to celebrate and appreciate different cultures? (vv. 24-26)

- Heaven is described as a serving place. What might be in your opinion the perfect job assignment for you?
3. Discuss this quote together: John Eldridge writes, *“The secret to your unhappiness and the answer to the agony of the earth are one and the same – we’re longing for the kingdom of God...That is the only hope strong enough, brilliant enough, glorious enough to overcome the heartache of the world.”*
 4. If you were to better fix your attention more on the hope of the “Not Yet Kingdom” what could likely change in your life on earth? What are some practical steps to fix our attention more on the future kingdom?
 5. Share about how our higher allegiance to God’s Kingdom laid out in our “One Kingdom. Indivisible.” series has the most impactful you personally?