

Thirsting for God's Coming
(Isaiah 49:8-13; Rev. 7:9-17 and Isaiah 55:1-6; Rev. 21:1-6, 22:6-17)

I. The Image

A. What do you see?

B. What do you *NOT* see?

Break into groups: 1. Describe a time where you have witnessed the fullness and diversity of Christ's Church.

II. The Scripture – Isaiah 49:8-13; Rev. 7:9-17

What similarities do you see in the prophecy of Isaiah and the revelation to John?

What do both Scriptures foresee? What is the difference?

The context for Revelation 7 is the appearance of the Lamb to open the seventh seal. The sixth seal was the day of wrath. That day in Scripture is synonymous with the Day of the Lord, the coming of the Lord. In contrast to the fear of those who aren't waiting for the coming of Jesus (Rev. 6:12-17), John sees something completely different. Among those are a people who thirst "no more." Why is there no more thirst?

What things did John see that have you thirsting the most for Jesus' return?

III. The Scripture – Isaiah 55:1-6; Rev. 21:1-6, 22:6-17

What differences do you see in the prophecy of Isaiah and Revelations 21:1-6?

What very important thing is the same? How does this truth connect to the previous Scriptures? **How should this truth shape our message and witness?**

In Rev. 22:6-17, there are also many similarities that draw us back to the other Scriptures. Note, v. 12, 14, and 17.

In v. 17, three times the word “come” is used. Note in each case who is speaking and who is coming.

Do you find yourself having a different level of thirst for Jesus and what he brings to you in this world vs. a thirst for Jesus and the life of the world to come?

What are the things that cause us to hesitate to say, “Come, Lord Jesus” (v. 20)? When do we find ourselves saying those words?

What does a thirsting for Christ’s coming look like in our lives? How is it made visible?