



## The City of God – Part 2

### ICE-BREAKER:

- Describe your “dream job.” What kind of work does it entail, and what makes that so fulfilling for you?

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. Read Revelation 22:1-2.

- Why do you think both the water and the tree have the modifier “life” attached to them (“the water of life” and “the tree of life”)?
- Some who have had near-death experiences describe an exhilarating, cleansing, healing feeling when they swim in water or eat fruit in heaven. Why do you suppose God provides these types of extraordinary experiences in the life to come?

#### 2. Read Genesis 1:28; Genesis 2:15; Revelation 22:3 and Ephesians 2:10.

- Why do you think people often have a negative view of work here on earth? (see Genesis 3:16-19)
- How do these verses reinforce the truth that God created us to work, serve, lead and rule?

#### 3. Read Luke 19:16-19; Matthew 19:28 and II Timothy 2:12

- Have you ever thought about what it might mean to “rule” or “govern” over angels, cities, nations, animals, projects, etc? What is appealing about this concept (remember, there is no sin in heaven)?

#### 4. Read Psalm 16:11; Psalm 84:10; Revelation 7:15; Psalm 37:4

- People who have had near-death experiences say the ultimate joy and fulfillment is found when they simply reside in the presence of God. Why do you suppose that is?

### APPLICATION:

- Get a copy of the book Imagine Heaven and read a portion each morning, reflecting on the stories and Bible verses as you go throughout your day. You could also download the audible version and listen to a story or two as your drive to work, run errands, etc.