We're going to spend some time looking at a portion of the Book of Revelation a little differently. Yes, it is primarily a book of the prophetic and apocalyptic genres, but there is an undercurrent, or sub-text, in the portion we're looking at today.

Revelation 21:1-7 is an expression of celebration, destiny and invitation. This brings up a couple of questions.

Question 1: What is the first area in your life to advance the Kingdom in? In your
life! Let's look at Galatians 5:22-23 to explore this a little further. What are the
nine fruit in Galatians? Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness,
<u>faithfulness</u> , <u>gentleness</u> , <u>and self-control</u> . Are you seeing these in your life?
(Yes or no.) If no, what's missing and why?
Here's a key to assist in "producing" fruit in your life. Intentionally <u>cultivate</u> your <u>relationship</u> with <u>God</u> . Some ideas include prayer and Scripture reading, but what else comes to your mind?
Question 2: What is the second area in your life to advance the Kingdom in? <u>In your home</u> . How can you cultivate more "fruit" in your home?
From there, the fruit spills out
to the rest of the world.

Reflective Questions

- 1. What fruit is missing in your life? Why? What is your strategy to cultivate this missing fruit?
- 2. Recall a time when you were inspired by the way a Christ-follower conducted themselves? What characteristics did they exhibit? How did others respond to them?
- 3. How can you help someone else cultivate a closer relationship with God in their lives?



This Saturday, June 3rd—Smart & Ready Men's Meeting Taking a look at the Book of Proverbs.

—8am in the Coffee Shop —

Pastries and coffee will be provided.



Next Sunday, June 4th—We will recognize and honor our High School graduating seniors, along with a message entitled, "Fight the Good Fight." Plus the blessing of communion together.