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## THE OLD TESTAMENT

### Leader Conversation Guide – The Return: Part 3

#### Main Idea

All of us feel the gap between the world we're living in and the world we know we were made for. Scripture reminds us that Jesus is not only the Creator of all things, He is the Re-Creator. The same Jesus who came once will come again, and when He does, He will renew all things. Revelation gives us the promise of a restored heaven and earth where sorrow, pain, and death are no more, because He makes all things new.

This week's message reminded us that this hope isn't just cosmic, it's personal. In Christ, God is already doing a renewing work in us, shaping us day by day as we wait for the fullness of what's to come.

As we begin our discussion, let's open our hearts to this promise: Jesus is making all things new, and that includes us.

**And He who was seated on the throne said,  
"Behold, I am making all things new."**

REVELATION 21:5

#### Make it Practical:

##### Jesus Is the Re-Creator

- He created all things in the beginning and will re-create all things in the end.
- All creation was made through Him, for Him, and holds together in Him.
- Jesus will return to establish a new heaven and new earth.
- Scripture: Colossians 1:16–17; Revelation 4:11; Revelation 21:1,5; Isaiah 65:17

##### Jesus Re-Creates Us

- At salvation, we become a new creation in Christ.
- The Holy Spirit continually transforms us day by day.
- At His return, we will be fully transformed. Body, soul, and spirit.
- Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:51–53; 1 John 3:2

##### His Coming Renewal Should Shape Our Living Today

- Let the hope of Christ's return influence how we think and live now.
- Set your heart and mind on things above.
- Join the mission! Make disciples and build the family of God.
- Pursue holiness and deal with hypocrisy as we await His return.
- Scripture: Colossians 3:1–2; Matthew 28:19–20; Ephesians 5:27; 2 Peter 3:10–14

## Talk About It

Scripture shows Jesus not only as the Creator in the beginning but as the Re-Creator at the end. How does seeing Jesus in this fuller, larger role expand or challenge your understanding of who He is?

The message emphasized that Jesus is continually re-creating us. Initially at salvation, progressively through the Spirit, and completely at His return. Which of these stages of “re-creation” feels most real or relevant to you right now, and why?

We’re called to let tomorrow influence today. To live in light of Christ’s return. What is one practical area of your life (habits, priorities, relationships, mindset) that would look different if you were more intentionally living with the hope of His return in view?

**“Let tomorrow influence today—because the One who created all things is coming again to re-create all things, including us.”**

## Prayer

Father, we thank You for the promise that Jesus will return and make all things new. Thank You for the work You’ve already begun in us and for the hope we have in the re-creation still to come. As we leave this time together, help us set our minds on things above and live in a way that reflects Your kingdom. Strengthen us by Your Spirit to walk in holiness, purpose, and hope until the day we see Jesus face to face. In His name we pray, Amen.

## Next Steps

Set your focus on eternity.

Begin each day by intentionally setting your mind on things above. Through Scripture, prayer, or a moment of stillness. So that the hope of Christ’s return shapes your perspective.

Participate in the “family business.”

Look for one practical way this week to engage in the mission of making disciples. Inviting someone to church, sharing your faith story, encouraging a believer, or serving on a team.

Pursue holiness with honesty.

Identify one area of compromise, inconsistency, or hidden struggle, and take a step toward dealing with it. Through confession, accountability, or obedience. So you can be found faithful when Christ returns.