

## **Nov 19 - Begin with the End in Mind (Revelation 19)**

In each of the gospels there are extended teaching discourses the night before Jesus' crucifixion. The teaching prepares the disciples for his departure; encouraging, equipping and forming them to carry on the work of the kingdom. A good portion of that teaching is about the end. As if to say - as you press into Kingdom work - as you live into my reign over all things begin with the end in mind.

### **Read John 14:1-7**

1. This text is often used to imagine the promise of Heaven - a spiritual and ethereal future. How does a belief in this kind of future shape our life as church?
2. This text must be seen against the background of 1<sup>st</sup> century wedding practices. To help you work through subsequent questions what details of this background stood out to you in the sermon? Where do you see this imagery show up in other places in the new testament?

### **Read Matthew 26: 26-29**

3. How does seeing the Lord's supper in the context of this imagery change your understanding of it? Its purpose in our worship and life as church?

### **Read Revelation 21:1-5a**

4. What is the future that Jesus is preparing for us? (The many rooms in his Father's house)

### **Read Revelation 19:6-9a "How do we live in light of this future"**

5. What is the place of righteousness / justice, evangelism, and hope in light of this future?