Group Guide

Alpha/Omega

December 27, 2026

Main Passage: Revelation 1:4-8; 21:1-7; 22:12-17

Theological Theme

The Lord is eternal. He has always been and always will be. He has had a plan from the beginning, and nothing can derail His purposes.

Introduction

When have you watched a movie or read a book with an ending that surprised you? What happened?

Today, we're going to be exploring God's title as "the Alpha and the Omega." What do you think this means?

1. Who Is, Who Was, Who Is to Come (Revelation 1:4-8)

This passage comes from the introduction to the book of Revelation. In this introduction, we meet the human author of Revelation (John) and discover who the original audience for this letter was ("the seven churches in Asia," v. 4). This designation refers to the Roman province in which these churches were located, in modern-day Turkey.

What characteristics of God are proclaimed in these verses?

What does God declare about Himself?

Where do you specifically need the reminder that God is the first and the last right now?

2. Everything New (Revelation 21:1-7)

This passage picks up just after the final, eternal defeat of evil, and we read about how God will redeem creation. He will make everything new. Our world that is marked by sin will get a divine makeover, and the results will be wondrous. There will be no more death, grief, or pain. We will be eternally secure and safe. There won't be any reason for crying. And all believers will be living face-to-face with God and His incredible goodness for eternity.

- What is happening in these verses?

- What aspects of God's character are on display in this passage?

- Where are you longing most for redemption in our broken world? How are you encouraged by this text?

3. Come! (Revelation 22:12-17)

This passage comes from the very end of the book of Revelation. If you have a red-letter Bible, you'll notice that these words are written in red. This is Jesus speaking! Our past two sections of reading have included proclamations by God the Father, but in this passage, it is the words of Jesus.

- What attributes of Christ are displayed in this passage? What promises does He make?

- What invitation does He issue in these verses?

- Are you confident that you have put your faith in Jesus? If not, what is stopping you from doing so today?

Conclusion

- What can we learn about God and His character from our study today?

- How is it reassuring that God is the Alpha and the Omega?

- Who do you know that needs to hear Jesus's invitation to come to Him?