



## Small group discussion questions March 2016

### Chapter & verse – Lawrence Moore (page 18)

Read Revelation 21:1-5 followed by Lawrence Moore's article.

1. Is the end of the world or the fall of our civilisation something you think about? What do you see when you picture those futures?
2. In paragraph two, Lawrence describes *The Late, Great Planet Earth*. From his description of the book, why do you think it was so popular?
3. Lawrence says in paragraph four: "Revelation isn't prophecy: it's underground political literature". What difference does this make to how you read Revelation?
4. Lawrence says in paragraph five that this passage from Revelation is "soaked in grace". How do you understand that phrase, and what examples can you find in the passage?
5. "Salvation isn't the great escape from earth," says Lawrence in paragraph six: "it's the re-creation of earth." If this is the case, how should it shape the mission of the Church?
6. "This is a promise to people whose life is currently hell on earth," says Lawrence in paragraph seven. What does it promise to such people?
7. How does the vision that John describes in this passage from Revelation make you feel? What effect do you think that it ought to have on our lives?

For further reflection: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!" (Isaiah 64:1-2)

Prayer: Immanuel, God who comes to join us in the place where we are, be with us we pray. Help us to be not escapist but people who change things. Put us to work, and be at work in us, so that your holy city might be seen on earth. Amen.