



### **News to Know**

#### **1) MissionFuge Final Balance**

The final balance for MissionFuge is due **this Sunday, April 27**. If your student is attending, please ensure the remaining payment is submitted by then. You can pay by logging into your Church Center account. Thank you!

#### **2) Graduate Commissioning**

Senior parents, Sunday is the deadline for Graduate Commissioning on May 18. Please make sure to register for the lunch online [here](#). Please register online even if you have already sent me your attendance number. Also, every senior needs to turn in 6 pictures (1 formal and 5 of them growing up) by Sunday as well.

#### **3) Refuge Wednesday**

We'll be back in the Harbor for worship on Wednesday at 6:30. We are finishing the Book of Revelation this week!

#### **4) Sunday Morning Small Groups**

We have small groups that meet at 9:45 and 11:00 each Sunday. Join one this week!

#### **5) MissionFuge Mandatory Meeting**

May 4 at 10:50 in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Refuge this Week**

This week, we'll finish the Book of Revelation by exploring chapter 22. This chapter is one of my favorites in the entire Bible because it ties together so many of Scripture's major themes. On Wednesday, we'll look at four of those themes and discover how they apply to our lives today. Together, we'll trace these threads from Genesis to Revelation.

First, what are you thirsty for? In the opening verse, John sees the river of life. This river isn't new—it flows throughout the story of the Bible. We often search for satisfaction in all kinds of places, but ultimately, only Jesus truly satisfies.

Second, where are you looking for life? We'll follow the theme of the Tree of Life—from the Garden of Eden to Jesus dying on a tree, to the trees of life in Revelation 22. Obedience to God brings life. The question is: are we seeking life in Him or chasing it elsewhere?

Third, do you want to be healed? Revelation 22 tells us that the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. We'll explore the theme of the city and how this heavenly city reflects complete wholeness. The first two chapters of Genesis and the last two chapters of Revelation show us life as God intended—and will one day restore: a life free from sin, brokenness, and the curse. In Jesus, we find full healing—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Lastly, do you long for the return of Christ? Throughout this chapter, John reminds us again and again that Jesus is coming soon. The Bible tells a story of exile—of humanity leaving God's presence—but it also tells the story of return. Jesus wants to bring us home. Do you long to be with Him? Can you say with John, "*Come, Lord Jesus, come*"?

## **Resource of the Week**

This week's resource is titled, "Six Things Parents Don't Know about Eating Disorders But Should." You can find it [here](#).



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