



CAMPUS FILM SERIES · EPISODE 06

FUTURE PEOPLE

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Revelation 21:3–6

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’

“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

“He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.’”

KEY IDEAS

What most stood out to you from the video? These quotes might help jog your memory...

“Your time at university is where you can move from being a curator of the past to an imagineer of the future.”

“At the heart of everything lies God’s original reality: a good purpose, ready to be revealed and redeemed.”

“We stand at the seam between now and not yet, partnering with Jesus to call out ‘on Earth as it is in Heaven.’”

DISCUSSION

Take some time to grapple with the big ideas being presented in the video, whether in your small group or just with a collection of friends. It's not about trying to give the 'right' answer or win an argument, but becoming aware of what both you and others think and feel, and working out what God might be putting his finger on in your lives. Take your time and don't feel like you need to get through them all.

Theme 1: IMPACT

In what ways do you agree/disagree with the idea that time university is a 'disproportionately significant' season in someone's life?

Discuss the other ways university has an impact on wider society. How much does that influence our idea of what Christian mission on campus looks like?

Do you believe that a move of God could begin right here, right now with you? What even is a 'move of God'?

Theme 2: LEAVING A LEGACY

We starting off this series considering university as a place of 'transience' and end it by talking about ideas such as 'foundations' and 'legacy'. How can we navigate the tension between the temporal nature of being a student and the idea of building something of worth on campus that will pass through the generations? What might we need to change in our thinking?

What kind of legacy would you like to leave during your time as student? How does thinking about the future influence the present?

What/whose legacies are you aware of in your own life that you are benefitting from? How do they challenge or inspire you?

How can you leave your university better than you found it?

Theme 3: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

What does 'on earth as it is in heaven' look like on your campus? What informs your picture of that?

Think about all the different places you show up on campus. What was God's original intention for those people or that thing? How does he see them? And how might asking those questions change your perspective?

Talk about the tension between 'now' and 'not yet'. What is challenging about the fact we don't yet see everything we're hoping for? What is exciting about it as well?

How best could we embrace the role of being 'future people'?

PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,*

*your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever.*

Amen.

ACTIVATION

Having gone deeper into the context, it's now now time to ask 'so what?' How is any of this going to effect personal change?

Here are some prompts and suggestions that should help you take the first steps, but feel free to get adventurous as you consider what God is asking of you in your journey with him.

Activity 1:
HEAVEN ON EARTH

As a group, pray the Lord's Prayer and then read Revelation 21 and 22 together.

List all the features of the new heaven and new earth as succinctly as you can.

For each of them, go through and consider what the reality of that could look in your life and at your uni. Write these down and use them as inspiration for prayer, discussion and also the possibility of some activity. Perhaps a practical way that you and your group could begin to bring God's kingdom is emerging in front of you? Be bold and creative about what you could pursue!

Activity 2:
PLANTING A LEGACY

Building on the discussion around legacy, decide what one thing each of you would most like to be leave behind once you graduate.

Get a small plant pot, soil and seeds for everyone in your group, plant them, and write your desired legacy down and stick it to the pot. Sunflower seeds work really well! Pray over the seeds and take them home to use as a reminder to prayerfully and intentionally steward what has been planted.

Feel free to do the same with a tree or anything else that takes time to grow. (NB: don't stress if your plant ends up dying, it's just a reminder and not a direct picture of how God is using your life!)

Activity 3:
PROPHETIC HISTORY

Go away and research the history of your town/city/university. What is its origin story? What is it famous for? What has happened there in the past? Arrange coffee with a friend who has done likewise and discuss what patterns you see emerging and what God might be saying about the destiny of the place.