



# Sermon Growth Guide

**July 4, 2021**

**Future Jesus - Jesus the Morning Star**

**Revelation 22:12-21**

**Key Verse:** Revelation 22:16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

**Big Idea:** Jesus is our bright Morning Star, our sure and steady hope.

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## Foundations

Happy Independence Day! What a gift to be governed by elected civil servants who are charged with faithfully representing the people. The signers of the Declaration of Independence believed with utmost resolution that King George had not only abdicated his responsibilities as King, but was also causing great harm by crushing liberty. What are you most thankful for in our nation today?

Our Scripture this week contains its own strong tones of allegiance. Indeed, the book of Revelation as a whole could rightly be seen as a declaration of independence, a breaking from the tyranny of darkness and an affirmation of total allegiance to the Kingdom that will never spoil, perish or fade. Through the book of Revelation, God's people are called to faithfully follow the Worthy Lamb to whatever end, walking as clear witnesses to the Lamb's free gift of life to all who come.

Celebrate this special land, America, that the Lord has strategically placed you in to be His salt and light. Dig deeply into what it means to be a citizen of America, but one who has given ultimate allegiance to Christ and His Kingdom. Finally, pray that God will guide and guard your Life Group, growing you each this week into an even greater reflection of the beloved Son.

## Understanding God's Word

Reading through the passage in its entirety, identify how many times Jesus speaks.

According to verse 17, who is invited to “come” and how much does the water of life (salvation) cost?

Where do we find the declaration, “Come, Lord Jesus”? Discuss the richness of this concise prayer.

## Applying God's Word

Jesus declares that He is our bright Morning Star. The Morning Star represents the last star in the sky before daybreak; it is a sure and steady hope that day is coming. The hope of Jesus is not a “shot in the dark” kind of hope. Rather, the hope of Jesus is anchored in His life and resurrection. Jesus is coming soon. That's not one possibility, that's a soon reality as sure as the sun rose this morning. How might thinking about Christian Hope in this way change the way you live your life?

## Witnessing God's Word

Identify and pray for those around you who God is placing on your heart to see and respond to Jesus, our bright Morning Star. Discern with your group how you can shine the hope of the gospel into their life.