ON THAT DAY

Talk 2 – We will see you – Revelation 21:1-5

Small group questions

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please contact bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au

1. What resonated with you from the message, or was there something you found challenging or unclear?

2. Reflection on the Song:

a. How do the lyrics of the song "On that day" resonate with you? Did any specific lines stand out, and why?

3. First Point: See Him and Die:

- a. Reflect on the description of God's holiness in Isaiah 6. How does this vision impact Isaiah's perception of himself, and how might it affect us if we were to encounter God in the same way?
- b. Why do you think Isaiah's initial response is a sense of ruin and unworthiness?

4. Grace Amidst Holiness:

- a. Explore the concept of grace in Isaiah's vision. How does God's grace manifest in the burning of Isaiah's lips? What does this reveal about God's character?
- b. Share a personal experience of encountering God's grace in a way that transformed or renewed you.

5. Second Point: See Him and Live:

- a. Discuss the imagery in Revelation 22, particularly the river of the water of life and the tree of life. How do these symbols resonate with the promises of Jesus in the Gospels?
- b. Consider the reversal of the curse mentioned in Revelation 22:3. How does the promise of no more curse on humanity impact your understanding of the future?

6. The Significance of Seeing His Face:

- a. What emotions or thoughts come to mind when you consider the prospect of seeing Jesus' face? How does this impact your perspective on life and its challenges?
- b. How does the assurance of seeing Jesus' face influence your perseverance in the face of difficulties?

7. Application - Perspective, Perseverance, Presence:

- a. In what areas of your life do you need a change in perspective? How might the hope of seeing Jesus' face influence how you view those situations?
- b. Share a personal experience where the hope of the future, as discussed in the sermon, has helped you persevere through a challenging time.
- c. How can you tangibly experience the presence of Jesus in your life amid daily struggles?

8. Closing Thoughts:

a. Respond to the closing statement: "And amidst the challenges of today or tomorrow... or the coming weeks or the new year... take time out to joyfully anticipate all that it will mean for us that on that day 'we shall see his face'." How might this perspective shape your approach to coming weeks and the new year?

Prayer idea – Gracious God, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the hope we have in seeing Jesus' face. May the anticipation of that glorious day shape our perspectives, strengthen our perseverance, and deepen our awareness of your constant presence in our lives. May the truths we've explored resonate in our hearts throughout Advent. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.