

LifeGroup Study SheetJan 10th, 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 11

This guide is designed to help you prepare you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Why do you think a lot of Christians get scared or fearful when talking about the Tribulation? What things about the Tribulation confuse you?

Digging In

Read Daniel 9:24-27

Question 1: Pastor Jeff talks about understanding what the Tribulation is. Often times it is mistaken for what we call "trials" like **James 1:2** describes. But the Tribulation talked about in Daniel 9 and Revelation 6-19 is "a future righteous judgement of God where His wrath will be poured out on the unbelieving world."

Read the following places where the Tribulation is described in Scripture:

Joel 1:15 – "The Day of the Lord"

Jeremiah 30:7 – "Trouble of Jacob"

Matthew 24:21 – "The Great Tribulation"

How do these descriptions of the Tribulation change the way you understand what this event will look like? How do the different descriptions of this event change your view of God himself?

Question 2: **Read Daniel 9:24.** After reading that verse, what would you say are God's purposes for the Tribulation to take place? Why are these things important?

1. To finish transgression
2. To put an end to sin
3. To atone for wickedness
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up vision and prophesy
6. To anoint the Most Holy.

Question 3: Pastor Jeff went through the description of the seventy “sevens” equaling 490 years, and 483 of those years have taken place before Jesus was crucified. The Tribulation itself will be a 7-year period in the future when the Antichrist signs a peace treaty with Israel (**Dan 9:27**). **Read Matthew 24:6**. How does your understanding of the Tribulation and what Jesus tells his disciples in Matthew 24 remind you of God’s sovereignty?

Question 4: Pastor Jeff also talked about the “Salvation of God.” **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:9 and John 3:36**. How do both of these passages provide for you peace when reading and talking about the Tribulation? How does understanding God’s salvation, in light of the wrath God is going to pour out on non-believers, compel you to share your hope in Jesus with people around you?

Taking it Home

As we continue to dive into deeper detail of the Tribulation the following weeks, continue to recognize the purposes behind the Tribulation: condensed to one negative and one positive. Pastor John MacArthur puts it this way, “God has dealt with man’s greatest negative: sin. And He has provided men and women with a great positive: righteousness. That those are His eternal purposes can be seen from reading Ephesians 1.”

Consider how you might share those two purposes of God with an unsaved person this week. They may serve as an apt response in a conversation about world problems.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?