

**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**

At the beginning of the passage in Revelation 7, it talks about winds that are being held back and that will eventually be released on the earth. What do great winds in the Bible typically represent?

(Hint: Jeremiah 49:36, 51:1, 2 Samuel 22:11)

Have you ever been in a great windstorm that caused damage? Have you been in a tornado before? Describe what that was like.

**Digging In****Read Revelation 7**

**Question 1:** Pastor Jeff talked about two different groups of people in this passage. The first group of people he addresses is the 144,000 (Rev 7:4-8). This group of people are from one nation – Israel. They will be protected with a seal from God. They are missionaries and servants of the earth during the Tribulation (**7:3-4**).

It is clear that these 144,000 will be marked “with a seal of our God” on their foreheads. We are not entirely sure what that will look like. The Bible teaches that Christians are also marked with a seal. What does that mark look like? (**Ephesians 1:13**) What are some evidences in your life that you've received this seal as a Christian?

**Read: Ezekiel 36:27, 2 Timothy 1:14, John 16:13, Galatian 5:22, Romans 8:15**

**Question 2:** The second group of people that Pastor Jeff focuses on in this passage is the Great Multitude (Rev. 7:9). These people are from every nation, tribe and language. There are so many of them, they cannot be counted. These people will be heavily persecuted, and even killed for their faith in Jesus (**7:14**).

These Christians will go through great suffering during the Tribulation and die for their faith in Jesus. Focus on **verse 14**, “They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

What does this represent? How can their robes be made white from red blood? What is John saying about this Great Multitude of believers during the Great Tribulation?

**Question 3:** Pastor Jeff talked about the 144,000 and how these people were specifically chosen for a special mission: to share the Gospel of Jesus during the Great Tribulation. If God has chosen a special task force during the most terrifying time in all of human history, who is God using now? How are you living on the mission God has given you? Have you forgotten what God has commissioned you to do? **Read Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20.**

**Question 4:** Pastor Jeff talked about the Great Multitude eventually being persecuted and killed for their faith in Jesus. This meant they were completely different than the world around them. They were light in the darkness.

**Read Philippians 2:12-18.** How does God call us to be light in a dark and twisted world? How are you doing that in your family, job, school or neighborhood? How will you let your light shine before people this week? (**Matt 5:16**)

### Taking it Home

How does the worship found in **Revelation 7:9-17** give you encouragement in the midst of the situation you are in today? In what ways will this passage help remind you this week of God's great love for you and your mission for Him?

### 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?