

LifeGroup Study SheetJan 31st 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 14

This guide is designed to help in preparing 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

Pastor Jeff opened the message talking about this question:

What do you **hate** that someone else **loves**?

Digging In**Read Revelation 8 & 9**

Question 1: Pastor Jeff points out in the message that once the 7th seal is open, something strange happens in heaven: silence. There is 30 minutes of silence (**Rev 8:1**). The significance is twofold: (1) this is the opposite of what is normally happening in heaven (**Rev 5:12**). (2) It is the result of the revelation of Jesus to angels concerning what is about to take place on the earth.

Read Revelation 8:1-5

What significance is there with the censer of incense, offering the prayers of all the saints to God? How does this image, and what happens after these prayers are given to God affect how you pray?

Question 2: Pastor Jeff outlined the next 6 trumpets of judgement blown by the angels of God:

1st trumpet - 1/3 of land destroyed. (**Rev 8:7**)

2nd trumpet - 1/3 ocean destroyed (**Rev 8:8-9**)

3rd trumpet - 1/3 freshwater destroyed (Wormwood) (**Rev 8:10-11**)

4th trumpet - 1/3 sun, moon and stars destroyed (**Rev 8:12-13**)

5th trumpet - "locusts" from Abyss, torture those without mark of God - 5 months (**Rev 9:1-12**)

6th trumpet - 4 angels released to kill 1/3 mankind. 200 million demonic army. (**Rev 9:13-21**)

What about these first 4 trumpet judgements do you see in common? Why would the Creator of the world want to bring such devastation to it? **Read Romans 1:18-25** to help you guide your answers.

After reading the trumpet judgements and Romans 1, how does this shape your understanding of God's righteous judgement towards sin?

Question 3: Read Revelation 9:20-21. The people who are on the earth during this time are experiencing destruction, pain and torment that has never been experienced before. However, it says “the rest of mankind, who were not killed by the plagues, **did NOT repent...**”

Why do you think that people, who are seeing the justice of God poured out onto a sinful world would not want to repent and turn to God? What does this say about the hardness of heart that sin can have on a person’s heart?

Question 4: Pastor Jeff asked us to apply this truth to our lives: The power of the Almighty. Even in God’s wrath – He is still waiting for people to repent towards Him. How do you see the omnipotent hand of God working in human affairs today, but specifically in your life?

Taking it Home

Pastor Jeff challenged you to find 30 minutes of “quiet time” each day to allow God to search your heart – to identify what you need to repent of. Are there things in your life that you “love” that God hates? What parts of your heart do you need changed by God?

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?