

LifeGroup Study SheetMarch 7th 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 19

This guide is designed to give 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

What is it about “deception” that makes it convincing? Describe a time in your life where you've been deceived by something. Have you ever been fooled by an imitation of something that you thought was the real thing?

Digging In**Read Revelation 13:1-10**

Pastor Jeff talks about the First Beast in Revelation 13 – The Beast of the Sea, the Anti-Christ. Pastor Jeff went through this passage answering Who, Where, Why, What and How about the First Beast.

Question 1: “Who and Where?” Read Revelation 13:1-2. This passage describes the beast coming out of the sea with imagery symbolizing an animal like creature that has never been seen before. The Anti-Christ will be used by Satan. Why do you think it's important for Christians to understand who the Anti-Christ is and what he is like? How does this knowledge apply to your faith today?

Read 1 John 2:18, Revelation 6:2, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Daniel 7:8, Daniel 9:26

Question 2: “Why?” Read Revelation 13:2b. The importance of this verse is noting that the “dragon” (Satan), will give the Beast his power and authority during this time of the Tribulation.

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Luke 4:5-6, Ephesians 2:2, 6:12

Satan and the Beast will have great authority in this world – how have you seen Satan's authority in our world today? Have you seen that authority attempt to influence your mind and heart this week as a Christian?

Question 3: “What?” Read Revelation 13:3-7. After the Beast receives authority from Satan, he will:

Deceive (v3) How has Satan tried to deceive you into thinking he's more worthy to follow than Jesus?

Demand (v.4) We all worship something. What “guardrails” do you put up in your life to make sure you aren't worshipping something other than Jesus?

Dominate (v.5-6) The Beast will be very persuasive and powerful in speech but will mock the True God. **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.** Reflect on this verse.

Destroy (v.7). The Beast will make war on all believers during this time. Why is this verse not as sad and terrifying as it seems?

Question 4: “How?” **Read Revelation 13:8-10.** Satan through the Beast of the sea will conquer all the saints on the earth during the Great Tribulation. However, anyone’s names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life who was slain, will not be conquered spiritually. How is God calling you to be faithful and to endure in your life this week for Jesus?

Taking it Home

How does **Revelation 13:10** call you into action this week as follower of Jesus this week in the world? How does this call make you look at your faith differently this week?

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?