

LifeGroup Study SheetApril 11th 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 21

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

What are some things in your life that you have purchased that you spend time protecting? Why are you so protective of certain things? What makes them valuable.

Digging In**Read Revelation 14:1-5**

Pastor Jeff used Revelation 14 to look at the 144,000 people that God used to minister during the Great Tribulation in Revelation 7. In this passage we see how God **"Purchased" them (v. 4b)**, **"Protected (v. 1)" them** and **"Purposed (v. 4)" them**.

Pastor Jeff used the rest of the message to ask: **"Why can we (Christians) stand victoriously?"**

Question 1: **"We have been purchased."** **Read Revelation 14:4, 1 Peter 1:19.** Why is the idea of being purchased by the blood of Christ so important? What does the idea of needing to be purchased mean?

Read Hebrews 9:14 – How does Jesus' purchase clean us?

Question 2: **"We have been protected."** **Read Revelation 4:1, Ephesians 1:13-14.** God will protect those He has purchased. The 144,000 were marked with Jesus' name and the Father's name, a special mark on their foreheads. Christians have been "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" according to Ephesians 1.

Read John 16:8-15. How does the Holy Spirit protect us according to these verses? How have you seen the Holy Spirit protect you in your life when it comes to these things?

Question 3: **"We have been purposed."** **Read Revelation 14:4, Matthew 28:18-20.** Since God has purchased and protected the 144,000 and all Christians – we have been given a mission. God now wants to use us to proclaim His message of redemption.

How do you apply what Jesus says in Matthew 28 in your own life? The command is to make disciples. What is a disciple and how do you "make" one? If these are our marching orders from Jesus – how does this look in your life?

Taking it Home

Jesus wants us to stand victoriously, not just when we die and get to heaven – but in this life now. Do you understand the Gospel in this way – or just for the afterlife? How is God calling you to live victoriously for Him this week? How will God remind you of your purpose 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?