

**LifeGroup Study Sheet**April 18<sup>th</sup> 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 22

This guide is designed to help in preparing 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**

Has there ever been a time in your life where you measured something to see if growth was happening? What was it and how did you measure it? What about personal growth in an area of your life? Why was it important for you to measure growth in that area?

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

Pastor Jeff took us through the same 5 verses as last week to unpack 5 different spiritual truths to apply to our lives related to the 144,000. These 144,000 were able to live victoriously because they:

1. Sang a New Song (v.3), 2. Kept Themselves Pure (v.4), 3. Followed the Lamb (v.4), 4. Did not Lie (v.5), 5. Lived Blamelessly (v.5)

These truths can be applied to our lives as to how we can live victoriously today!

**Question 1:** *“Is there praise on my tongue?” (Rev 14:3)* The 144,000 surrounded the throne of God with the four living creatures and elders while they worshipped Jesus. The new song celebrates God's triumph over sin through the Lamb (Rev 5:9). The implication is that people who have experienced God's goodness and grace have a song to sing! **Read Psalm 107:1-3** – How does this perspective change the way you give God praise? When your heart/mind doesn't desire to praise God, what does Scripture say you need reminded of?

**Question 2:** *“Is there purity in my heart?” (Rev 14:4)* The 144,000 kept themselves “undefiled” from the temptation of the misuse of sex our culture supports. Infidelity and immorality are one of the greatest temptations in our culture when it comes to sexuality. This group of 144,000 who stand before God's throne have remained pure from these temptations. When it comes to sexual purity, what guardrails do you put in your life to avoid temptation? **Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**. How do these verses give you practical instruction to remain pure (either in your marriage or singleness)?

**Question 3:** *“Am I Following Jesus with my Feet? (Rev 14:4)* The Bible tells us that the 144,000 “followed the Lamb wherever he goes.” They had been purchased, protected and purposed. That now meant that they went wherever God wanted them to go. **Read Acts 22:6-16**. What was Paul's response after seeing Jesus? How do you follow Jesus the in the same way? **Acts 22:15** *“You will be His witness to all people of what you have seen and heard.”*

**Question 4:** “Are my Words Truthful?” (**Rev 14:5**) The 144,000 are described with having “no lie in their mouths.” This is in direct contrast to Satan and his character. These were faithful witnesses. Because Satan is the “father of all lies” (**John 8:44**), by contrast Christians tell the truth and do not deceive with their words. What areas of your life are you the most tempted to not be completely truthful? Do your words communicate that you are a follower of Jesus?

### Taking it Home

**Question 5:** “Is my Life Blameless?” (**Rev 14:5**) These 144,000 were not perfect – because they too had to be redeemed “from among men.” This meant that they weren’t living in sinless perfection even after salvation. They were leaning on Jesus to walk with Him and to live holy in His power (**1 Thess 2:10**). Accusations about their character and identity could not stick to them.

**Read Psalm 15.** How does your life look when compared to these verses? Which parts of this description of a blameless life do you need God to help strengthen you in?

### 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?