

LifeGroup Study SheetMay 2nd 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 24

This guide is designed to help 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

Describe a time in your life where perseverance was a consistent theme of your everyday life. What were you going through? How did you handle it? Describe where your faith was at and how that trial either helped or hurt your faith.

Digging In**Read Revelation 14:12-20**

Pastor Jeff taught about the severe persecution the “Tribulation Saints” will experience during the Great Tribulation. **Revelation 14:12-13** describes the patient endurance of Christians during incredible suffering and how this applies to Christ followers today:

1. **Patiently Endure** (*James 1:12*)
2. **Run with Endurance** (*Hebrews 12:1*)
3. **Patience in Tribulation** (*Romans 12:12*)
4. **Never Give Up** (*Galatians 6:9*)

The question then becomes, **How Do We Persevere as Christians?**

Question 1: “Refocus on God’s Presence.” One of the ways God has us endure through difficult trials and circumstances is to be reminded of His presence with us. **Read Exodus 14:10-14.** How do you remind yourself of God’s presence daily? How do you remind yourself of God’s presence during hardship?

Read Psalm 139:7-10. How do these verses remind you of God’s presence?

Question 2: “Rely on God’s Power.” Read **2 Corinthians 12:9** – Why does Jesus teach us that we will become more powerful through weakness? How did Jesus manifest this through the life He lived? If power comes through weakness, how does this apply to the trial you’re going through or will go through?

Read Isaiah 40:29-31

Question 3: “Remember God’s Purpose.” God is constantly reminding His followers that there is always a purpose behind suffering – that suffering is never meaningless. **Read James 1:12.** How will you remind

yourself that God's purpose for pain has a purpose? **Read Genesis 50:20.** How will you remind yourself that even sin will be used for God's ultimate perfect plan?

Question 4: "Recommit to God's Plan." The consistent prayer that God wants for our life is what Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before he went to the cross, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; but not my will, but yours be done" **Luke 22:42.** Jesus consciously, voluntarily and obediently followed God's plan – even through incredible suffering. How do you entrust yourself to God's plan for your life? What gets in the way of you recommitting your life to that?

Taking it Home

Write down a prayer to God this week about the suffering or trial you are experiencing. Each day focus on one aspect you learned this week on how to persevere – **Day 1:** Refocus **Day 2:** Rely **Day 3:** Remember **Day 4:** Recommit. Share with a close friend or family member how God is reshaping how you view your own suffering or trial.

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?