

**LifeGroup Study Sheet**May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021– Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 26

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?

**Digging In****Read Revelation 17 and 18**

Pastor Jeff explained the Great Prostitute and the Beast in these two passages. In the Great Tribulation the Beast (anti-Christ) will organize a worldwide empire and use a worldwide religion (The Prostitute) to create and maintain power. Through the Anti-Christ's reign, there will be a kingdom of false religion, political power and economic resources (**18:3**). God reminds his people, to not align with the world, its false religions, and its luring power (**18:4**). In these passages, we are reminded that the world we live in is anti-God, and to live as Christ-followers.

**Question 1: Read Romans 12:1-2.** These verses are reminding believers to not be “conformed” by the patterns of this world. What does it look like in your life to be conformed to something? Then Paul says, “but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Why does the mind need to be “renewed?” Explain a time where God helped renew your mind that was different than it was before.

**Question 2: Read James 1:27.** In this passage, James talks about pure and faultless “religion.” One characteristic is to “keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” What do you think this means? The Greek word for world in this passage is “kosmos” which can be defined as “*the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God and hostile towards Christ.*” With that definition in mind, how would you apply this to your life?

**Question 3: Read James 4:4** Why do you think James calls “friendship” with the world enmity with God? What do you think this means and what examples would you give to how that looks? Read **Matthew 6:24** to help you answer this in your own life.

**Question 4: Read 1 John 2:15-17.** Before discussing this passage, read this quote from Bible Scholar F.F. Bruce, ““Worldliness...does not lie in things we do or in places we frequent; it lies in the human heart, in the set of human affections and attitudes.” Jesus himself said in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world...” With this understanding in mind, how do you practice what these verses are commanding? What should you guard yourself against?

**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?