

LifeGroup Study Sheet
October 24th Revelation 22:13-21

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

Pastor Jeff talked about the phrase “the last word.” Jesus is telling his readers and listeners that at the end of all things, ultimately, he will have the final word. Share a story from your life where you've had to have the last word. Whether it be from an argument, a family member's passing, etc.

Digging In

Read Revelation 22:13-21

Question 1: Read Revelation 22:16. Pastor Jeff points out that the first few words in this verse are extremely important to recognize. “I, Jesus” is specifically Jesus saying that He himself is the one giving us the words in this book – through the human author John. **Revelation 1:1** testifies the same thing, but in this instance Jesus himself says it.

Read John 1:1-4

Why is it so important for us to understand that the “Word was God?” What Jesus says in Revelation and throughout the New Testament is radical. He is not just a authority – He is THE AUTHORITY.

Question 2: Read Revelation 22:13. Is Jesus my God? Jesus claims to be the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. All these titles seem synonymous, but they all have a particular claim to who Jesus is.

Alpha and Omega: Jesus is infinite. **Matthew 28:20, John 14:23, 16:30**

First and Last: Jesus is eternal and timeless. **Hebrews 1:11-12, Psalm 102:25-27**

Beginning and End: Jesus is sovereign, the source and goal of all things. **Eph 1:9-11;19-23, Acts 17:28**

All three of these titles are important and unique to who Jesus is. Which one of these titles gives you the most comfort about who Jesus is? Which of these is hardest for you to wrap your head around? Explain how one of these titles helps remind you of what Jesus has done for you.

Question 3: Read Revelation 22:14. Is Heaven my home? This verse implies that everyone who has access to the Tree of Life and New Jerusalem will be “washed.” **Revelation 7:14** reiterates what Jesus is saying all His people will have experienced.

Read Hebrews 9:14. What does this say about the life of a Christian? How does this speak to what Jesus is saying in **Revelation 22:14**?

Question 4: Read Revelation 22:18-19. Is the Word of God my only authority? The importance of what Jesus says about adding or subtracting to His word is crucial. Read the following passages to help understand how Jesus reiterates these claims throughout the Bible:

Read Matthew 5:17; 15:1-9; 22:29

How do these verses get you to read God's word as ultimate authority? How does understanding how Jesus viewed Scripture help encourage you to trust it with your life?

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?