

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

SERIES INFO

Revelation Series Overview:

The Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ drafted by the apostle John, to whom Jesus gave this message through an angel, is a “peeling back” of what is to take place at the end of the biblical story so that it might be a source of hope for Christians amid trouble and suffering. Apocalyptic literature draws much symbolism from the Old Testament narrative, such as the books of Daniel and Ezekiel. There is a great deal of figurative and symbolic language throughout. Correct interpretation is very important in understanding clearly who Jesus is and what is to take place. While some things are left to mystery, much of what is in the book of Revelation can adequately and carefully be understood with accurate interpretation. This is not a book of mysteries. While the text is complex, it is full of truths that every disciple of Jesus should learn and practice. Let’s take courage and find new hope in our faith in Christ as we face a world of trouble and suffering.

PERSONAL FUN FACTS

If you could witness one event in all of history with your own eyes, what would it be and why?

TAKEAWAYS

What was a major takeaway moment during the sermon this week?

DISCUSSION

1. The Throne is Occupied

Scripture: Revelation 4:1-11

In all the description that John provides us regarding heaven, the first thing he notices is that there is Someone who is sitting on the throne. Nearly fifty times, in the book of Revelation, the word “throne” is mentioned because it represents who really has the authority in the universe. In the day of this Revelation, Rome claimed it had the authority with Caesar as its ruler. But John’s vision tells us that God is still on His throne. The churches that John was writing to were facing persecution and they needed a perspective of who was really in charge. The vision they received was that God has never once vacated His throne.

1) When your life starts spinning out of control and things become stressful, how would things look differently if you believed God was truly reigning over every circumstance?”

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2) What current situation in your life needs to be viewed from the “throne room” perspective?

2. A Problem of Universal Proportion

Scripture: Revelation 5:1-4

The scroll. What is it? How can it be opened? Who can open it? All these questions represented a momentary problem in John’s vision, and the Scriptures tell us that he wept over the fact that no one can open the scroll. The scroll represents God’s purpose for history—His plan for justice, redemption, and for the restoration of creation—to make everything right. Without someone worthy to open the scroll, evil wins and restoration remains unfinished. No one human being is worthy to open the scroll for we all need redemption.

1) Why do you think John responds so emotionally when no one is found worthy? What does this truly mean?

2) What types of things do people look to today as “saviors”?

3) Why can human progress never fully solve the deepest problems of the world?

3. John Hears One Thing and Sees Another

Scripture: Revelation 5:5-14

One of the most astonishing moments in Scripture, John hears these words: “See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah.” And he looks up and instead of a Lion, he sees ... a lamb: the “Lamb who was slain.” Notice at this time, worship grows more intense in the telling of what John sees around the throne. It’s the whole of creation that is joining in the song of worship.

1) Why is it significant that Jesus conquers as a Lamb rather than a powerful military warrior (Lion)?

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2) How should this vision of the throne shape the way Christians worship today?

APPLICATION

- Worship helps to change our perspective. John was much like Isaiah (Isaiah 6) and was caught up in a worship moment. When you experience the presence of God in worship, it captures your heart. Reflect for a moment, what is your deepest affection? What is your ultimate desire? What captures your heart the most?
- How does this vision of heaven reshape your view of present struggles?”
- When your life reaches its final chapter, what do you hope to be found worshipping?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for giving John this vision of Your throne. When our world feels uncertain, remind us that You still reign and that we are living under your rule and reign right now. When fear overwhelms us, remind us that the throne is occupied. When evil appears victorious, remind us that the Lamb has already conquered. Teach us that true worship is not just singing songs—or the preliminary things we do before the sermon; but worship is how we live our very lives. May we be captivated by your beauty, holiness, and Your glory. May we join with all of creation as we sing, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.” In His name! Amen.