

# GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

### The Bowls (Rev. 15-16) | March 1, 2026



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#### QUICK UPDATES

Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

#### CONNECT

When you hear the phrase “How long, O Lord?” what emotions rise up in you most quickly - anger, grief, impatience, hope, something else?

#### REVIEW

Have someone read the passage out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

*In Revelation 15–16, John shows us the final outpouring of God’s wrath through the seven bowls. Before judgment falls, heaven sings, reminding us that God’s justice is not reckless anger but covenant faithfulness. The bowls represent the complete and holy consecration of the world - evil is being removed so God may dwell with His people. Yet many refuse to repent, exposing the deep human desire to rule ourselves. Ultimately, the “It is done” of Revelation points us back to the “It is finished” of the cross, where Christ absorbed the cup of wrath so that for believers, judgment is behind us and the final word belongs to the Lamb.*

#### LEARN & LIVE

*These questions help us grasp the truth of the passage and consider how to live it out.*

- In Revelation 15:2–4, what are the saints doing before the bowls are poured out? Examine their song - share what sticks out to you and, if you know so - share why.
- Why do the singing saints matter for how we read the judgment that follows?
- What connections do you see between Revelation 15 and the Exodus story in Exodus 14-15?
- Revelation 15:1 says the bowls “finish” the wrath of God. What does that word “finished” communicate about this moment in redemptive history?
- The bowls come from the sanctuary. What does that imagery suggest about the holiness of what is happening?
- Several times in Revelation 16 we are told people “did not repent.” What does that repetition teach us about the human heart?
- How does the Exodus pattern help us understand judgment as part of covenant faithfulness?
- According to this sermon, what is different about the recipients of God’s justice in Revelation versus at the cross?

## GO DEEPER

These questions invite us to slow down and wrestle with what's going on beneath the surface. Use these to go a little deeper or in your Huddle Groups.

- Where in your life are you asking, "How long, O Lord?"
- What voices tend to feel like the "final word" over your life right now?
- How does regular worship help re-center you on what is actually true about reality? How often do you worship regularly?
- In what ways are you tempted to resent God's authority rather than trust it?
- Where do you feel the pull to define right and wrong on your own terms?
- How does knowing that Christ drained the cup of wrath change how you face suffering?
- Is there an area where bitterness toward God has quietly taken root in you?
- What would it look like for you to live this week as someone who believes wrath is behind you?
- How would your emotional life change if you truly believed the Lamb has the final word?
- **How is the Holy Spirit comforting you or challenging you personally from this discussion? How will you respond and what will you do differently this week? Is there anywhere you need help to make that happen?**

## PRAY FOR NEEDS in the GROUP

- Some other ways to pray:
  - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word
  - Pray by name for one person you know who is far from God..
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: [Pray for the Redeemer Kids volunteers](#)

## 5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC's and Huddles.

1. **Pray** - Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.
2. **Listen** - Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.
3. **Apply** - Answer honestly. Consider how God's Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.
4. **Confess** - Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.
5. **Encourage** - Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other's hearts and stories.

## COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

You can access a helpful commentary for Revelation at:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/revelation/>

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