Small Group Discussion Guide
Revelation 8 | When the Trumpets Sound

Main Truth: God hears the prayers of His people, and Jesus brings judgment upon a fallen world. We can trust God, remain faithful, and live for what lasts forever.

Know It

God Hears the Prayers of His People

Read Revelation 8:1- 6.

Heaven becomes silent as Jesus opens the seventh seal. The prayers of God's people rise before His throne with incense. Fire from the altar is then hurled to earth, connecting the prayers offered in heaven with God's unfolding judgment.

1. What do the prayers rising before God's throne reveal about how He values the prayers of His people? How does this encourage you when you feel your prayers go unheard?

2. The fire comes from the same altar where the prayers were offered. What does this connection teach us about trusting God to respond to evil and injustice? How can we seek His justice without becoming consumed by revenge?

3. What prayer have you struggled to keep praying because God's answer seems delayed? How can this passage help you pray with renewed trust this week?

Jesus Unleashes the Trumpets of Judgment

Read Revelation 8:7–13.

The first four trumpets bring judgment upon the earth, sea, fresh water, and heavenly lights:

- First trumpet: A third of the earth and trees burn, along with all the green grass.

- Second trumpet: A third of the sea becomes blood; a third of its creatures die, and a third of the ships are destroyed.

- Third trumpet: Wormwood makes a third of the rivers and springs bitter, causing many deaths.

- Fourth trumpet: A third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened, reducing the light of day and night.

The chapter ends with a warning: three more trumpets remain.

1. What stands out to you about these judgments and their effect on things people depend upon every day? What do they reveal about the seriousness of sin and our dependence upon God?

2. Read 1 John 2:15–17. How does John's warning about loving the world connect with Revelation 8? Which temporary things most easily compete for your affection and trust in God?

3. How should the certainty of God's judgment affect the way we live and share the gospel? Name one step you can take this week to invest in what lasts forever.

Prayer

Closing Prayer: Thank God that He hears His people. Ask Him to strengthen your trust, loosen your attachment to temporary things, and give you compassion and courage to point others to Jesus.