Small Group Discussion Guide
Revelation 12 | When Darkness Is Unleashed

Main Idea: God remains in control when darkness is unleashed. His judgment reveals the seriousness of sin and the urgency of turning to Him.



Know It

1. God Allows Tribulation - *Revelation 9:1–12*

1. The destructive forces in this passage receive limited authority: they are told whom they may harm, what they may do, and how long they may act. What does this reveal about God's control over evil?
2. How does knowing that evil has limits affect the way we respond to frightening circumstances or uncertainty?
3. When suffering comes, what helps you turn toward God? What can tempt you to pull away from Him?

2. God Allows Judgment - *Revelation 9:13–19*

1. Verse 15 describes the angels being released at a specific hour, day, month, and year. What does this tell us about the timing and certainty of God's judgment?
2. How does this passage challenge the tendency to treat sin casually or assume that God will never judge it?

3. People Refuse to Turn from Their Sin - *Revelation 9:20–21*

1. **They refuse to surrender their worship.** Even after these judgments, people continue worshiping demons and idols. What things can compete with God for our trust, devotion, and obedience today? How can we recognize when something has become an idol?
2. **They refuse to surrender their behavior.** These people hold on to sinful practices despite their consequences. What is the difference between regretting the consequences of sin and truly repenting of sin?
3. **They reveal the danger of a hardened heart.** Read Jeremiah 18:11–12. How does repeatedly refusing God's correction harden a person's heart? What is one specific way you need to respond to God's correction this week?
4. Read Acts 17:30–31. How should God's command to repent and the certainty of coming judgment shape our conversations with people who do not know Jesus?



Prayer

Closing Prayer

Allow a brief moment of silence for personal reflection. Then pray:
"Lord, reveal anything competing for our worship. Help us turn from sin, receive Your correction, and respond to You with tender hearts. Give us courage and compassion to share Jesus with others. Amen."