



FALL 2026 // WEEK 4

GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // October 11, 2026

Pastor Pat Finley // Revelation 13:1-10

The Beast Rises



Introduction

This morning we continue our Revelation study, specifically on the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation, also known as the Great Tribulation. John's vision proceeds, as he is symbolically informed of a charismatic man who will come, supported and empowered by Satan, to dominate and wage war on the endtime world.

We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don't need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.

Getting Started

Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read the passage aloud for the group.

Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

1. Opinion Question: The symbolism of Revelation is sometimes cryptic or requires historical context, while other parts seem more obvious. Why do you think God uses this method to share events in the Old Testament? Why might He use it in Revelation?
2. In Revelation 13:3–4, the world marveled at the beast and asked, "Who is able to make war with him?" In what subtle ways do Christians today put their trust in human figures, political movements, or cultural trends rather than in Almighty God?
3. Revelation 13:7 records that the beast was granted power "to make war with the saints and to overcome them." How can knowing that God allows periods of struggle and opposition for His people shape our perspective during personal trials or persecution?

4. According to Revelation 13:8, those whose names are written in the "Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" do not yield to false worship. How does resting in your eternal security in Christ impact your daily resistance to cultural pressure?

Personal Spiritual Exercises

Prayer (Suggested time: 10-15 min)

A meaningful part of "coming together" is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you're welcome to pray silently and simply say "Amen" when you're finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God's presence.

1. Pray for each other to be bold in witnessing Jesus this week.
2. Take a few moments to think about a prayer request. What are you currently going through that you are still waiting to see how God is going to be glorified? Consider making a prayer request.

Name	Prayer Request

"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—." 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NKJV