

## Revelation | Chapters 8-11

Fall #7- October 16, 2022

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start each meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story for 5-8 minutes.*

- 1) What color would you use to describe your past week? Why
- 2) What is one of the most excruciating pains you have ever experienced?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

- 1) **Skim Revelation 8-9.** (Or...the leader might give quick summary of the chapters) The trumpet judgments 5 & 6 are referred to as woes. What makes them even more grievous than the first four trumpet judgments?
- 2) What are the reasons given in 9:20-21 for why people still would not repent? Would you add anything to the list today?
- 3) **Read Luke 9:23 and 1 John 8-10** How are the phrases “dying to self” and “repenting of sin” related?
- 4) Is there an area of life that you are reluctant to turn completely over to God? How can the group pray for you?
- 5) **Read Revelations 10** God’s people are still responsible to tell God’s story. John was asked to eat the scroll. What are you doing to take in the Word of God and make it a part of you?
- 6) What parts of God’s Word are most sweet to you and easiest to share? What parts are sour and difficult to share?
- 7) What can believers do to be prepared to share these truths?
- 8) **Read Revelations 11:1-14 & Romans 2:4** God’s mercy brings repentance. How does God show mercy to people even during these days of judgment?
- 9) How does God protect and vindicate the “Two Witnesses” and how do some survivors respond?
- 10) How have you seen God’s mercy draw people to Him? To whom can you show mercy?
- 11) **Read Revelation 11:15-19** Worship is a result of Jesus’ righteous judgment. Describe the response of the elders to the loud voices of heaven.
- 12) What excites you the most about what Jesus will do as he reigns?
- 13) Does the prophecy of the Lord’s return frighten or encourage you? Why?

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) Lord, “Open my eyes to see what else needs to die in my life.”
- 2) Lord, “What can I do to prepare to share these truths?”
- 3) Lord, “How can my worship be more honoring of you?”

### For Further Study

Read Exodus 7-10 and compare the similarities and differences between the plagues in Egypt and the judgments of Revelation 8-9. How is a hard heart formed and can it be changed? Ezekiel 36:26