

Revelation | Overview Chapters 1-20

Fall #12- November 20, 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) Happy Thanksgiving! What traditions do you remember with your family or friends around Thanksgiving?
- 2) What three things - a person, a place and a thing, are you most thankful for.

Study Questions

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

Watch the two bible project videos that overview Revelation. They are about 5 minutes long. Find them at bibleproject.com. Ask the group, "What did you find most interesting or challenging about the presentations?"

Review Chapters 1-3 (Possibly have someone read aloud the headings in their Bible)

- 1) Read 1:1-8 which is the prologue to the book. What main themes are introduced? How do they challenge you?
- 2) Each church is promised blessings if they overcome. (See the last verses addressed to each church.) Which of the promised blessings most helps you to persevere?
- 3) What does it look like for you to persevere in faith

Review Chapter 4-9 (Read the headings)

- 3) What phrases or images do you recall about the worship that is pictured in heaven. What makes Jesus worthy of this worship? How can your worship today reflect the intensity of this worship?
- 4) In the midst of the opening of the scrolls, there is an interlude (chapter 7) that shows the protection of God's people. Read 7:15-18. How would that be encouraging to the original readers? How is it encouraging to you?

Review Chapter 10-16 (Read the headings)

- 5) The 7th trumpet is the center of the book and in chiastic literary structure is the culmination of the book. How does 11:15 indicate the main event of the book. How would you say it in your own words?
- 6) In the midst of the blowing of the trumpets there is another interlude that shows the activity of God's people. (Chapters 10-14) What tasks were God's people charged with doing? (see 10:11, 11:3)
- 7) To whom and how can you be a witness? How does this book give you urgency?
- 8) In chapters 15 and 16 we have the 7 bowl judgments dispensed. 9:20-21 and 16:11 summarize the result of the judgments. What do these verses tell you about God and about the people left on the earth?

Review Chapters 17-19 (Read the headings)

- 9) The victory and reign of Christ is pictured. How is this a "now and not" yet paradigm?
- 10) There are four Hallelujahs in Chapter 19. What are some of the things for which Jesus is being worshiped? List attributes you have learned of Jesus in Revelation that motivate your worship?

Responding to Jesus

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

- 1) Lord, "How would you like me to pray differently."
- 2) Lord, "What do you want me to apply from the scriptures or from what has been shared tonight"