

## Revelation | Chapters 15-16

### Fall #9- October 30, 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 firsthand experience have you had with natural disasters?
- 2) If you could have a bowl of anything right now, what would you want?

#### Study Questions

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

**1) Read Revelation 15:1-8** How does this chapter give hope and encouragement to God's people?

2) What part of the worship chorus points to His justice and fairness?

3) Why do most people praise God for His mercy and not for His wrath? Why is coming judgment something for which God should be praised?

4) The smoke filling the sanctuary indicates the presence of God. (see Exodus 40:34-35) When do the people in the vision enter the sanctuary and enjoy his full presence?

5) How will walking with God when sin is removed be different than walking with him now?

6) How can we experience His presence more today?

**7) Read Revelation 16:1-15** Skim Exodus 7-10 and identify the 10 plagues. What parallels do you see between the 6 bowls and the 10 plagues? How is the response of the people in Revelation similar to the response of Pharaoh?

8) When have you had a similar, unrepentant response toward God? What has God done in your life to help you repent? Are there Bible stories or verses that help you turn back?

**9) Read 2 Peter 3:9-13** The time of God's gracious invitation to repent will come to a close. How does this influence your prayers and actions toward unbelievers?

9) Knowing that Jesus drank the cup of wrath (Matthew 26:39) for believers, how do you answer those who consider God's judgment unfair? Ask God, "How can I express my gratitude for Jesus?"

**10) Read Revelation 16:15-21** What does it mean to stay alert and remain clothed in preparation for Christ's return?

11) How can we be working toward these final results even today: 1) Removal of sin? 2) Vindication of God's name? 3) Worship?

12) How can our response to His majesty go beyond weekend worship to weekday actions?

#### Responding to Jesus

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

1) Lord, "Where am I reluctant to admit guilt and turn to you?"

2) Lord, "How can I express my gratitude for your willingness to suffer such wrath for me?"