

## Sermon Discussion Curriculum - Week 10 Second Coming of Christ - Mar. 7, 2021

## Helpful Resources for Studying Revelation

Revelation for You by Tim Chester — <a href="https://bit.ly/RevForYou">https://bit.ly/RevForYou</a>
The BibleProject Videos — Rev. 1-11: <a href="https://bit.ly/Rev1-11">https://bit.ly/Rev1-11</a> Rev. 12-22: <a href="https://bit.ly/TriumphOfGod">https://bit.ly/TriumphOfGod</a>
Revelation: by William Subash — RightNow Media — <a href="https://bit.ly/williamsubash">https://bit.ly/williamsubash</a>

Revelation can be an intimidating book to study. As you continue this endeavor, allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

## **KNOW:**

- Talk about the best day you've ever had in your life. Where were you? What were you doing? Why is it your #BESTDAYEVER moment/experience?
- Some research has shown that looking forward to a vacation can offer almost as much of a mood boost as actually going on the vacation. Why do you think looking forward to something can impact attitudes?
- Share some of the chores that you had in your house growing up. If you have kids, do they have chores? Are the kind of person that would have all the chores done early, or would you wait until the last minute, right before mom/dad comes in the door?
- Have you ever heard predictions of the end of the world? Some people have tried to predict the day
  that the Lord will return. How do you interact with these predictions? Did you believe any of the
  predictions that didn't pan out?



• When it comes to the event known as the rapture, theologians often disagree on how to interpret some of the biblical passages. Here are three main views of when the rapture will take place:

<u>Pre-tribulation</u> – some anticipate the rapture prior to the tribulation so that the people of God are rescued from the great tribulation.

<u>Mid-tribulation</u> - some believe that the church will endure the first part of the tribulation (3.5 years) and then be raptured before the final half of the tribulation (3.5 years).

<u>Post-tribulation</u> – some see the church continuing on the earth to the end of the tribulation when the rapture will then take place.

- Which of these views are you most familiar with? Were you raised in a church that taught a specific view over another? When do you believe that God's people will be taken out of the world? What do you feel rise up inside when someone has a different view of the tribulation than you do?
- One thing is certain, the Bible promises a day when Jesus will return! Read the following passages about the return of the Lord: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:29-51; 1 Corinthians 15:20-24; Acts 1:11; John 14:2-3. What are some of your observations about these passages?
- 1 Thessalonians 4:18 says, "Encourage one another with these words." Based on the passages read above, how are these words still an encouragement to share with one another?
- What is the intent of phrases that Christians often say, such as, "This world is not my home" or "I'm living in light of eternity"? Are there any other encouragements or phrases that you have heard Christians say?
- Read Romans 8:28-29. How do we make sense of suffering and the coming time of suffering? How are we told to wait for the certain return of our Lord?

## **.e** e-e SHOW:

- Are you excited for Christ's return? Why or why not?
- If you knew that Christ's return was tomorrow at 12pm, would you live any differently until then? How about a month from now? A year?
- What makes someone ready for Christ's return? Are you ready? What is your next step? How can your D-Group help or support you in this step?
- Read Hebrews 10:23. What encouragement does the promise of Christ's return give you? How can you share this encouragement with others?
- Where do you need hope today? Where do you need the truth of Jesus' return to transform your emotions? Let the truth of Christ's return dwell in your heart. Allow it to heal any place that feels hopeless.