



Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 11

The Bema Seat – Mar. 14, 2021

Helpful Resources for Studying Revelation

Revelation for You by Tim Chester – <https://bit.ly/RevForYou>

The BibleProject Videos – Rev. 1-11: <https://bit.ly/Rev1-11> Rev. 12-22: <https://bit.ly/Rev12-22>

Revelation: The Triumph of God – <https://bit.ly/TriumphOfGod>

Revelation: by William Subash – *RightNow Media* – <https://bit.ly/williamsbush>

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:

- What is the most embarrassing thing you've ever been caught doing? Are you willing to admit it out loud to your group of friends?
- When you are in conversation with a friend and they reference a word, name, or topic that you are unfamiliar with, how do you proceed? Are you the type to stop and ask about it or do you play it off like you know exactly what they are talking about? Does the situation change at all if you are talking to someone else (boss, stranger, significant other)?
- Would you go back and relive high school? Why or why not? What is a significant memory from high school that you would love to redo if given the chance?
- If your life were made into a movie, who would you want to play you? What parts of the movie would make you proud? What parts would make you cringe?
- As you think back over your life, what is the best reward you have received from something you did?



GROW:

- *Scripture teaches of two coming Judgements of God.*
 - *The first is the judgement of believers, known as the "Bema Seat".*
 - *The second is the judgement of unbelievers, known as the "Great White Throne".*
- What feelings arise in your heart when you think about the judgment of God? Why do you think you feel this way and what does it reflect about your view of judgment?
- Read through these passages as a D-Group and then answer the following questions. Look for connections as they are being read. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart and mind as you search and read. Revelation 20:12-15; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Romans 14:10-12
 - Why are believers brought before the Bema Seat?
 - What do you learn about God from this passage? What do you learn about man (yourself) from this passage?
 - If the works of believers will be judged in the end, even if they are not a basis of our salvation, why does there seem to be a stigma in many circles against talking about the importance of doing good works?
 - What does the Bema Seat teach us about how we are called to live as Christians? What are the purpose of the rewards?
- Read 2 Timothy 2:15. What is the difference between working to earn your salvation and doing your best to "present yourself to God as one approved? Do you struggle more with either accepting God's salvation by grace or with doing good works for God?



SHOW:

- Given the topic this week, take a moment to examine your life and ask yourself: have I been living in a way that honors God and brings glory to Him? How can I better reflect the light and love of God to the watching world through my good works?
- David E. Garland (Baylor University) wrote in his commentary on 2 Corinthians, "What humans do in the body has moral significance and eternal consequences. Everyone who is mindful of their mortality must therefore be mindful of their morality." What does it look like to be "mindful of morality"? Paul was writing to a church community, what does being mindful of our actions and intentions look like as a D-Group? How do we go about holding each other accountable without straying into legalism?
- As you think about the Bema Seat, does it comfort you or make you cringe? Are you intimidated by the thought of the Bema Seat or excited about it? Why?
- How does knowledge of the Bema seat change your day-to-day life? What are some things you can do right now to prepare for the Bema seat?
- How do we encourage each other with these truths? What are you struggling to believe? How do you need encouragement from your D-Group this week?