

Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 14 Revelation 20:1-6 – April 11, 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/TriumphOfGod
Revelation: by William Subash — RightNow Media — https://bit.ly/williamsubash

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:

- Which of these phrases or quotes have you heard before or used yourself? In what context have you heard or used them?
 - o A picture paints a 1000 words.
 - o A journey of a 1000 miles begins with a single step.
 - o I'm batting a 1000.
 - o No, no, 1000 times no.
- Describe an experience when you did the right thing (even though it was hard) and received a reward for it. What stands out about that experience?
- What comes to mind when you think of this word "deceived"? Have you ever been deceived by someone? If so, share how that experience impacted you.
- Tell a story about a task that took a long time to complete (a home improvement or craft project, schoolwork, job responsibilities). If you are having a hard time thinking of something, ask your roommate or spouse (2). How does it feel when you finally finish that project?



- Read Revelation 20:1-6 out loud as a group. If you have time, ask another person in your group to read
 this passage a second time from a different version. As you read or listen, what stands out to you?
 What are some of your observations?
- In this passage, we see a strong contrast between Satan and Jesus. What happens to Satan? What is he not allowed to do? What role does Jesus play in these verses? What authority does he have?
- John sees the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus, and had not worshiped the beast, its image, or received its mark. What is their reward? Read Hebrews 12:1-2. How do these words fit with Revelation 20?
- Consider verses 4-6 in light of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples in Matthew 6:9-13. How might these verses be an answer to that prayer?
- There are three main thoughts when it comes to studying the millennial reign of Christ. Which view (if any) do you think best fits this passage and the book of revelation? For further reading, check out this article from The Gospel Coalition: http://bit.ly/ViewsOfMillennium
 - o Amillennialists This view expects no literal reign of 1,000 years.
 - o Premillennialists This view sees Christ returning before the millennium rule takes place.
 - Postmillennialists This view believes that Christ will return after the millennium.

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- The book of Revelation is a revealing of Jesus Christ. What have you learned about Jesus from this passage? What is your biggest take away from studying this passage together?
- Take time to share needs and struggles with your D-Group. Get in groups of three or four and pray together as you seek to fight sin and remain faithful and obedient to Christ.
- Write down three ways you can become a more faithful follower of Christ. What are three ways you can outwardly encourage other believers to become more faithful followers of Christ? Share your ideas with your D-Group and pray over one another in these areas.
- Satan is a deceiver. He deceived Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3) and even Jesus acknowledges that Satan works to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). In what ways do you think you have been deceived by Satan? Have you believed lies or been deceived about God's character?
- As you finish your group time, listen to the song Day After Day by Kristian Stanfill: http://bit.ly/DAfterD. Spend time in prayer giving thanks to God that He rules and reigns today and forevermore.