



Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Week 7 – Revelation 6 – Feb. 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:

- Share a time in which you have experienced what felt like “the end of the world.” What was an event that stopped you in your tracks when you heard about it? Describe what it felt like to know you were safe again.
- Have you or someone you know ever experienced an earthquake? If so, describe what it was like (how intense, length of time, damage, emotional impact, etc.). If not, describe what you have observed watching footage of one in movies or on the news.
- Have you ever been selected to serve on a court room jury? What was that experience like? Describe some of the challenges you faced in pursuing justice or in judging things fairly.
- Pablo Picasso created the art piece, *Guernica*, in 1937 (<http://bit.ly/PPGuernica>) in response to the suffering of people and animals brought on by the violence and chaos of war. What do you see when you look at it? What emotions does this image invoke in you?



GROW:

- We have encountered quite a bit thus far by reading the book of Revelation. It may be good to pause and take a moment to refocus on the purpose of this book before we read chapter six. Watch this video on how to read Apocalyptic Literature: <http://bit.ly/ApLit>.
- Read Revelation 6 out loud. It may be helpful to read it in three parts. Read 6:1-8 first, then read 6:9-11, and finish with 6:12-17. As you read this chapter, don't separate it from what is written in chapter five. Who is the one opening these seals? Why is it important to remember who is opening the seals?
- The four-horseman described here represent the devastating impacts that sin has (both at the time of writing and now) on our world. Seals 1-4 (6:1-8) symbolize war, conquest, famine, and death. They are a portrayal of the horrors that the first century Christians were living under. How have you seen or experienced some of these personally? How have you witnessed these effects on the larger scale of the whole world? Compare with Matthew 24:3-8.
- What is the significance of the fifth seal (6:9-11)? Describe what is being portrayed. What are the two reasons that these martyrs have died? What was the response to the cry of the martyrs?
- The "Wrath of the Lamb" (6:16) is a deliberate paradox. What does this imagery show about God? Describe the sixth seal and what is taking place. How does the experience of the unbelievers in the sixth seal contrast with the experience of the saints in the fifth seal?
- How does this chapter help shape the image of Jesus in your mind?



SHOW:

- While we wait "a little longer," we continue to pray. How does this passage encourage you to pray? How do these images from chapter 6 fit in God's redemptive story?
- As Christians we are told not to fear or to be dismayed. How then should we respond to what we have learned in Revelation 6? What sense of urgency does knowing that God is the judge of all the earth bring to you? What encouragement does it bring?
- As we face persecution in our lives, how can we find confidence and encouragement in the image of the Lamb that opens the scroll and brings wrath against the evil and sin of our hearts?
- In what way does this chapter provide you with a heavenly perspective on your earthly circumstances?
- Martyrdom is still occurring in numerous places around the world today. Download a global prayer guide at: <https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/>. Spend some time praying as a group for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing persecution and even death in other countries.