



## Sermon Discussion Curriculum

### Week 8 – Revelation 7 – Feb. 21, 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:

- The relative peace that the western world enjoys is exceptional in the scope of human history. What's the worst thing that has ever happened to you because of your faithfulness to the word of God or your commitment to Christ?
- The term "thin places" comes from Celtic history and describes the experience one may have of sensing the spiritual realm as close as one's breath. Have you ever been overcome with God's presence? How so? What was your response?
- Have you ever gone on a mission trip overseas? Was it what you expected? Tell the group about the mission and your experience.
- Share with your D-Group about an experience you have had that has broadened your reality of the experiences of Christians in other parts of the world (feel free to share books, movies, or other resources you have encountered as well). What persecutions did they face? How did they see God in their circumstances?



## GROW:

- Read Revelation 7 together as a D-Group. Is there anything that happens in this chapter that grabs your attention? What verses stir your heart?
- Imagine this chapter as a two-part experience. From the first part (7:1-8), describe the scene and some of the characters that John writes about. In the second part (7:9-17), who are the characters and what is the setting?
- Have you been in a setting that reminds you of the vision from Revelation 7:9-10? Believers of all races, languages, ethnicities, and nations are gathered around the throne and worshipping the Lamb. When you read about this scene, what effect does it have on you? How can your worship continue to stretch toward the worship described in this vision?
- The elder tells John (v. 14) that the ones in white are those that have come out of the tribulation. It is almost a picture of warriors coming home from battle and receiving a bath, a meal, and a robe to remind them they are home and can rest from their strife. What about the world we live in makes it a battle to follow Jesus?
- This chapter (continued vision of John) takes place between the revealing of the sixth and seventh seal. Why do you think God ordered this in-between the last two seals? What is the importance of this chapter in respect to everything we have read in chapters 1-6? Keep in mind that this is one continuous vision that John is experiencing.



## SHOW:

- How does the worship of Revelation 7:9-17 give you encouragement in the midst of your current circumstances?
- Grab a pen and paper. Meditate on Psalm 23 in light of Revelation 7:17 and write a description of what it means for Jesus to be your Shepherd and you to be a sheep in His flock. Write at least three thoughts that come to mind as you reflect on these two passages. Share one of them with your D-Group.
- Have you thought about going on a mission trip soon? God is drawing men and woman from every tribe, tongue, and nation to Himself. What would it look like for you to be a part of that? Explore the possibility of going on a mission trip as a D-Group in the next year or two (<http://www.fellowshipar.com/missiontrips/>).
- Read Revelation 7:15-17 together. This intimate relationship with God is the reason we exist. How can you share this good news with someone in your life that needs to hear it?