

Victorious: Revelation 6:1-7:17  
Discussion Guide, June 14, 2020  
Next week's text: Revelation 8:1-11:19

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." - Revelation 4:11

- How has last week's text encouraged you to fully engage in worship over this past week?

**OPEN:**

- How does knowing the end of the story impact perspectives in the present?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 6:1-17**

- Did you have a previous understanding of this text? If so, what was it?
  - o How did your previous perspective get challenged? Reaffirmed?
- How do you see the four horsemen still wreaking havoc today?
- What takes place with the breaking of the 5<sup>th</sup> seal?
- Does this text challenge you to pray differently than you typically do? (in regard to justice)
- What takes place with the breaking of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal?
- How would you answer the question at the end of the chapter: Who can stand amidst the wrath of God?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 7:1-17**

- What stands out most to you from this text? Why?
- How does God protect his people from His wrath?
- How would these images have encouraged the original readers to stand firm in their faith?
- What does this text say about God's people? Who are the 144,000?
- What other texts can you think of that refer to God's people being sealed or marked?
- How would this vision encourage the people of God?

## **APPLY:**

- What is the worst thing that has happened to you for your faithfulness to God?
- In what area of your life are you trying to hide from God? What do you need to do to come out of hiding?
- What does God want us to do while we wait for him to judge the earth?
- How do these texts make you feel about judgment?
- How does this text encourage you?
- How does knowing the end of the story help you stand firm in the midst of the story?
- NEXT STEP: Spend some time reflecting on Revelation 7:9-17 and praise God for justice, goodness, and faithfulness to His people. How does this text encourage you in particular during our current time of difficulty?

*Memory Work: After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."  
- Revelation 7:9-10*

## **Revelation Resources:**

- Victorious by Matt Proctor (I would highly recommend this well researched devotional study)
- Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger
- Revelation's Rhapsody by Robert A. Lowery
- Revelation and the End Times by Craig R. Koester
- Reversed Thunder by Eugene Peterson
- Leaving the Rapture Behind by Larry Pechawer
- <https://www.shanejwood.com/>
- Revelation by Shane Wood on Rightnow Media.