

Victorious: Revelation 12:1-14:13  
Discussion Guide, June 28, 2020  
Next week's text: Revelation 15:1-16:21

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: *The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."* – Revelation 11:15

- In what area, as relates to the book of Revelation, have you grown more confident?
- How has the book challenged you to live more boldly for Christ?

**OPEN:**

- In life, there are many teams that we are a part of. Of all of the teams that you participate on, which team do you identify with most closely? Why?
- What was your greatest take away from the sermon? Why?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 12**

- How does this passage portray Satan as our enemy?
- How does this text change your perspective of Christmas?
- Read Ephesians 6:12, how does Revelation 12 parallel Ephesians 6?
- What powerful truths are found in Revelation 12:10-12?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 13**

- How does Revelation 12-13 show the people of God being "at war?"
- In what ways are governments around the world oppressing believers?
  - o What can we do?
- What does our culture say about other religions?
  - o What does John say about them in Revelation 13?
  - o Do you know anyone in a false religion? How can we help liberate such folks?

- In what ways does our culture subtly (or not-so-subtly) draw us away from God? In entertainment? In our economy? Education? Social interaction?
  - o How can we resist?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 14:1-13**

- What is the clearly taught ethic in this text?
  - o What does that mean? What does it look like practically?
- How is 14:13 encouraging? How would it especially have been encouraging to John's original readers?

**APPLY:**

- How do these texts specifically call you to respond?
- How often do you think about the reality of a spiritual Enemy? How does this awareness (or lack thereof) affect your daily life?
- NEXT STEP: How would you answer the question, "whose team are you on" after listening to the sermon and reading the text?
  - o How do you need to better live-out the "right answer"?

*Memory Work: This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."*

- Revelation 14:12-13

**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.