

Victorious: Revelation 15:1-16:21  
Discussion Guide, July 5, 2020  
Next week's text: Revelation 17:1-19:5

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: *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

- How did you live out your identity of "being on God's team" this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What sort of thoughts or emotions come to your mind when you think of God's wrath?
  - o How do you think the "general population" views God's wrath?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 15**

- What does John mean by these plagues being the "last" ones? How does the compare to the previous to series of 7 judgments?
- What has the sea symbolized in the book or Revelation? Has good or evil come from it?
  - o What is significant about God's people standing beside it?
- What are some significant truths proclaimed in the song in verses 3-4?
  - o How appropriate is this song to your experience with God?
- What does the temple in heaven mean? (a haven of rest and a place to play harps for those who die? A time to reckon with God's holiness and wrath unveiled from that temple? Something else?)

**READ and ASK: Revelation 16**

- Why is it important to know that God is "just and true"?
  - o How does that relate to God's love?
  - o How would you describe the necessity of these plagues to someone who is not a Christian? (in particular someone who struggles with the concept of the wrath of God)

- What is described in the interlude? (vs 13-15)
  - o How does the battle go for them? Is there really a battle at all?
  - o What does verse 15 say about the role of the church? How do we stay awake?
    - What does verse 15 say about the timing of Christ's return?
- Does this text change the way you have previously viewed "Armageddon?"

**APPLY:**

- How does this passage make you feel? What action does it make you want to take?
- What has God done in your life to help you to repent?
- What mighty deeds has God done in your life that you can praise Him for today?
- NEXT STEP: What are you doing to "stay awake" in preparation for Christ's return?

Memory Work: "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed." - Revelation 16:15

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 of All Things 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.