

Victorious: Revelation 8:2-11:19
Discussion Guide, June 21, 2020
Next week's text: Revelation 12:1-14:20

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: *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

- So far, how have the images and teaching of Revelation brought you encouragement in this season of your life?

OPEN:

- Is "sugar coating" every long-term situation beneficial? For example, would it be beneficial to tell a newly engaged couple that everything is going to be "daisies and roses" forever after you get married?
- What was your greatest take away from the sermon? Why?
- Of the three points in the sermon (let pain usher repentance, through pain continue to witness, and in pain long for resurrection) which one is currently most impactful to you? Why?

READ and ASK: Revelation 8:2-9:21

- How do these events compare with the 7 seals? What parallels and repeated patterns are there?
- How does this text call you to repentance?
- What does this passage tell us about God?
- How do you see 2 Peter 3:9 playing out in this text?
- What do you think keeps people from repenting (even in the face of such judgments)?

READ and ASK: Revelation 10:1-11:19

- What do you understand John eating the scroll (and it being sweet to the mouth and sour to the stomach) to mean?
 - o In what situations has God's word ever tasted sweet at first hearing but then sour as your "digested" it?
- What encouragement do the two witnesses offer to Christians?
 - o What is the hope for those who are persecuted and even killed for their faith?
- How does it make you feel to know that God and His servants will ultimately triumph over the evil of the world?

APPLY:

- How do these texts specifically call you to respond?
- How do you need to better worship Christ as both Savior and Lord this week?
 - o How do you need to better live in light of the truth that God reigns as King even now?
- NEXT STEP: How does this text challenge you to live as a witness for Christ? How do you need to intentionally do that in the upcoming weeks?

Memory Work: *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

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.