

Week 50 – Questions to Consider

Revelation 8 thru Revelation 12

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is your favorite Christmas carol?

1. What do you struggle with when reading and studying Revelation? What do you enjoy and find helpful from your time in Revelation? Consider this overview video by the Bible Project as we go into the second half of Revelation: www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpnIrbq2bKo
2. How was the Exodus a foreshadowing of the first five trumpets in Revelation 8:6-9:12? Why does God give us such specific foreshadowing and prophecies about His wrath and judgement? How does this connect to 2 Peter 3:8-10 and 1 Timothy 2:3-4?
3. Did Pharaoh ever truly repent with the plagues of Egypt? How do the nations respond to God's wrath in Revelation 9:20-21? Why? What can we learn from their response?
4. What is the symbolism of eating the scroll in Ezekiel 3:1-4 & Revelation 10:9-11? How is that instructive to us? Just as the people refused to listen to Ezekiel and many of the Old Testament prophets and New Testament disciples, what sort of response might we encounter when we share the sweetness of God's Word?
5. Why do you think so many specific details are given about Heaven in Revelation? Why do you think so many specific prophecies were made about the Messiah's first coming?
6. Although much of Revelation could be interpreted literally, there is definitely a lot that can be interpreted symbolically. Who is the "temple" of God across the New Testament (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20, Hebrews 3:6, 1 Peter 2:4-5)? How does that matter for us today?
7. How are all Christians called to be "lamp stands"? What is our mission?
8. Why do we need to understand about our enemies? Why is speculation or fascination with Satan and demonic dangerous? What do we know about Satan and his demons from the Bible? How do we see more of this in the end times prophecies within Revelation?
9. What stands out to you from Revelation 10? Compare this with Ezekiel 3:1-7. Why would the message be both sweet and bitter? How is that similar today?
10. What do we learn from the two witnesses of Revelation 11?

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

The Greatest War & The Greatest Victory

Revelation 12 (ESV)

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Understand Your Enemy - His Methods:

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3) Warfare of Angels vs. D_____

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Understand Your G_____

Who He Is - His Motives - His Methods

v.10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

His P_____ - (Israel or The Bride of Christ)

v.1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. [2] She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

Our Situation - Wilderness of Suffering (e.g: Exodus)

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One Way of V_____

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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 51: Revelation 13-17

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
- **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2022-bible-reading-plan

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