



1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min)

Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 22* Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

Answer: That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Scripture Reference: Hebrews 2:17

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study November 16 (30-45 minutes)

***Read the passage aloud together.**

***Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.**

Scripture Reference: Revelation 8:1-6, 9:20-21

1. Why does chapter 8 begin with "silence in heaven for about half an hour"?

2. How does the destruction of a third of the living creatures in the land and sea reflect God's power and judgment? How should this influence our view of God's sovereignty?

3. Describe the appearances of the locust and the horses released to torment and destroy the human race. What is your response to such horrific descriptions when thinking about yourself and others?

4. What parallels do you notice between the trumpet judgements and the Egyptian plagues in Exodus (Exodus 7:14 through Exodus 11)?

5. What do you notice about the beliefs/actions/character of the remaining people who were not killed by these plagues of judgement?

6. What do you learn about God's mercy amidst His judgment at the end of chapter 9?

7. In your own life, how can you reconcile God's loving nature with the severe judgments described in Revelation 8?

8. Read the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. After studying the beginning judgements (seals and trumpets) in Revelations 6-9, how does this impact the way you think about the phrase "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven?"

9. What do we learn about the impact of the prayers of righteous people to a holy God from chapter 8? What comfort do you take from knowing God shows his justice and mercy here?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you will make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6)

****Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism.**