

Group Questions – Revelation 8-9

Share a time when you did NOT GET something you wanted, but then, later, you were thankful that you did not get it.

Why were you thankful that you did NOT GET what you wanted?

What can a situation like that show us about ourselves and our desires?

As we look at Rev. 8-9 we understand this will be a period of time when God is slowly pulling away His control over the world and allowing people to have what they want... a life free of God's control.

Read – Revelation 8:1

What does this silence in heaven show us regarding God's heart as He considers the judgment about to take place?

Read – Revelation 8:2-5

For thousands of years people have been praying "Thy kingdom come". Now, God is about to answer those prayers as He prepares the earth for His kingdom.

Read – Revelation 8:6-12

Why do you think God is slowly destroying His created world?

We commonly refer to God's creation as "NATURE" which has the thought that the world around us is "NATURAL".

Why is the thought that our world is "NATURAL" a mistaken point of view?

Why is it important we understand God is actively sustaining His creation?

Read – Revelation 8:13

The word "WOE" is an exclamation of GRIEF

Why do you think this angel is giving a forewarning of grief to the inhabitants of the earth?

In what ways today does God give us forewarnings of grief to come?

Read – Revelation 9:1

Verse 11 shows us this “STAR” is “APOLLYON” which is another name for Satan.

Satan had to be GIVEN a key. What does that reveal regarding who is in control of this whole situation?

Read – Revelation 9:2-12

We understand these “LOCUSTS” to be DEMONS.

Who are the only people these demons are able to torment?

Why does God not allow these people to die?

How does this show the MERCY of God?

Read – Revelation 9:13-19

It's possible the 1/3 who die are all people who get saved during this time, because everyone who is left on earth are described in the next verses...

Read – Revelation 9:20-21

What could cause people to NOT REPENT after experiencing all this?

What causes you to repent when you have sinned?

Through these judgments we see, judgment alone, does not cause people to repent and turn from their sin.

Read – Romans 2:4

What does this verse tell us is also necessary for people to repent?

How should this understanding lead the conversations we have with unbelievers regarding their sin?

How do these 2 chapters help us to desire MORE of God's control in our lives?