

**TEXT: Revelation 19-20**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Save the Date: All Life Groups event on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>
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## **BIG IDEA: We Hope in the Warrior King**

### **Ground Rules:**

1. *This is a letter written to 7 churches.*
2. *There is almost nothing new here.*
3. *The book is full of imagery and is NOT chronological: This is apocalyptic literature. That does not mean the end of world literature. It means "that which was concealed is being revealed." In keeping with this style of writing, each image has a meaning - stars = angels. Dragon = Satan, lamp stands/torches = churches. And the appearance of these images isn't always in chronological order. One theologian describes it as walking through an art gallery. Nothing is arranged in chronology, but more so by style and content.*
4. *We are in the End Times: Heb. 1:1-2 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. <sup>2</sup> In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through him.*
5. *We must read with humility: If your understanding of Revelation is dependent upon the current news cycle for your interpretation - you're wrong. How do I know? Give it a week and you'll see. Everyone who has used the news cycle to interpret Revelation has been proven wrong because they rely on speculation. Speculation is the enemy of biblical interpretation.*

**Ice Breaker:** What image do you have when you think of Jesus?

### **Revelation 19:11-16**

- What are things we see of Jesus that are in this text?
- Imagine Jesus as the text describes. How would seeing Jesus in that way make you feel?
- Do you view Jesus wrongly at times? If so, how so?
- How do we intentionally walk through this world with our eyes on the king?

### **Revelation 19:17-21 and 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8**

- Do you see the evil that rules the world today? How so?
- What is the hope that we live with as Christians?
- How does this change how live in the midst of the evil in the world?

## **Quotes**

...Let us then return from that table like lions breathing fire, having become terrible to the devil... - John Chrysostom

Modern society itself is one grand diversion—the Republic of Entertainment. With our shops, shows, sports, games, tourism, recreation, cosmetics, plastic surgery, virtual reality, and the endless glorification of health and youth, our culture is a vast conspiracy to make us forget our transience and

mortality. We turn away. We tune out. Alibis for reality-escape artists are on every hand. - Os Guinness



Who is this that comes in glory, with the trump of jubilee? Lord of battles, God of armies, he has gained the victory. -Christopher Wordsworth, "See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" (1862)

Jesus is the resolution to a story in search of a completion. - NT Wright