



Bible study for the week starting August 24, 2025

SHARE

Last week, Pastor Ben preached a sermon on a text almost no one preaches on and made the remark, “You won’t see a lot of these verses on coffee mugs.” Still, we’re called to preach the “whole counsel” of Scripture. What are some parts of the Bible you don’t hear preached very often, and why? (Which verses are you least likely to see on a coffee mug?!)

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Revelation 18:1-24**. There’s a lot in these verses, but they have to do with the destruction of Babylon. Much of what the great angel in this chapter says is in poetic, lyrical form (these aren’t the ones we put in hymns very often, either!). What’s beautiful or ugly about this chapter?
2. We get a glimpse into the priorities and actions of the nations “of” this world; what are some of them, and why does this help us understand God’s justice in their destruction?
3. Read **1 Peter 2:9-12**, which is a great reminder of who we are in Jesus Christ. What insight does this give about how we are called to live “in” but not “of” the world?
4. God saves us, but he still leaves us in this world for a time. Is this unjust, or what purpose might he have in us being here, even if we’re exposed to danger and opposition?
5. Read **Matthew 5:13-16**. Jesus calls us to be “salt” and “light.” What are the properties of these two things, whether we are outnumbered or not?

PRAY

Pray that God would daily remind you of and clarify His purpose and plan for you in this life.



IN but not OF the World

Revelation 18 (1 Peter 2:9-12; Matthew 5:13-16)

August 24, 2025 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

All the nations are “in CAHOOTS.”

Your primary citizenship is in HEAVEN, not in this WORLD. But you still live in the world, so how do you PROTECT your life so you don’t take part in her sins?

Not only are you called to be IN but not OF the world, you are meant to IMPACT the world for the good, and ultimately for God’s GLORY, even if you’re vastly OUTNUMBERED.

1. SUBMIT
2. PRAY
3. LOVE and SERVE one another
4. Pursue FAITHFULNESS and PURITY

“...in a single DAY...” “...in a single HOUR...”



When we try to SATISFY ourselves with the things that ultimately do not satisfy, this is the RESULT.

The end of ‘Babylon:’ GOOD news or BAD news?

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 19:1-5.