

Small Group Discussion Guide Revelation 19:11-20:10

Main Takeaways

1. Understanding Literary Structure Matters

The Bible, especially Revelation, is written with intentional structure and symbolism. Understanding this helps us see connections we might otherwise miss.

2. The Victory Has Already Been Won

Jesus' victory was secured on the cross. We're not waiting for victory—we're living in the reality of a victory already accomplished.

3. Three Views of the Millennium

Premillennial: Jesus returns before a literal 1,000-year reign

Postmillennial: The gospel transforms the world, then Jesus returns

Amillennial: We're currently in the symbolic "millennium" reign of Christ

4. Satan is Bound. But Still Active

Like a mafia leader in prison, Satan's power is restricted but not completely eliminated. The gospel is advancing despite his limited influence.

5. We Are Currently Reigning with Christ

According to Ephesians 2, believers have already been raised and seated with Christ in heavenly places.

Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you most from Revelation 19's description of Jesus on the white horse? Which title or characteristic of Jesus (Faithful and True, King of Kings, Word of God, etc.) resonates most with you right now?
- The podcast mentions that Jesus wins "because he's Jesus." What does this simple statement mean for how we face spiritual battles today?
- Read Mark 3:27 together. How does Jesus' teaching about binding the strong man help us understand Revelation 20:1-3?
- Before this discussion, were you aware of the different views on the millennium (pre/post/amillennial)? Which view were you taught, if any?
- The podcast emphasized that good Christians hold different views on this topic. Why do you think Christians sometimes fight over eschatology (end times theology) when the main point remains the same?

- What are the potential dangers of being too pessimistic (things will only get worse) or too optimistic (the gospel will transform everything before Christ returns) about the future?

Personal Application

- The podcast states: "We have a very difficult time understanding things because the world is bad now, and so we think that the victory's not yet been won." In what areas of your life do you struggle to believe that Jesus has already won the victory?
- If we truly believed we are "already reigning with Christ" (Ephesians 2:6), how would that change:

How we pray?

How we share the gospel?

How we face spiritual opposition?

How we view current events?

- The podcast mentioned that every time we share the gospel, serve others, or lay down our lives for others, we are "reigning with the Lamb." What does this look like practically in your daily life?
- Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8. How does understanding that something is "restraining" evil right now affect how you view your role in the world?
- Daryl Johnson says Revelation is "a discipleship manual." How does viewing Revelation this way (rather than just as a prophecy timeline) change how you read it?
- The podcast says, "The most important number is not 1,000. The most important number is one." How does keeping our focus on the one Jesus Christ help us navigate confusing theological debates?

Practical Applications

1: Victory Mindset

Each day, identify one area where you've been living as if the battle isn't won. Pray specifically, declaring Christ's victory over that situation and asking Him to help you walk in that reality.

2: Plundering the Enemy's Goods

Since Jesus has bound the strong man, we can plunder his house (Mark 3:27). Intentionally share the gospel with one person this week, knowing that you're participating in Christ's victory.

3: Study Different Views

Research the three millennial views more deeply. Write down what you appreciate about each perspective and what questions remain. Share your findings with the group next time.

4: Authority in Christ

Meditate on Ephesians 2:4-6 daily. Journal about what it means that you are already "seated with Christ in heavenly places." How should this truth affect your daily decisions?