

Small Group Discussion Guide

Key Takeaways

1. Everyone is a Disciple of Something

The question isn't whether you'll be influenced by a spirit or follow a kingdom—the question is which one. Every person is shaped by either the Spirit of God or the spirit of the age.

2. The Characteristics of God's People

The 144,000 represent all of God's redeemed people (Old and New Covenant) who are spiritually pure—not because of their own righteousness, but because they've been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

3. God's Wrath is Holy and Just

God's wrath is not like human anger. It's pure, priestly, and perfectly just. It comes only after extended opportunities for repentance and always fits the crime.

4. There is Refuge IN the Judging God

While there's no escape from God's judgment, there is refuge in Him through Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. What emotions or reactions do you have when you hear about "the wrath of God"? Why do you think you respond that way?
2. The podcast stated that everyone is being influenced by something—either the Spirit of God or the spirit of the age. What are some ways the "spirit of the age" tries to influence your thinking and behavior? How can you recognize when you're being influenced by it?
3. Revelation 14 describes God's people as "chaste virgins" who follow the Lamb. How does understanding that we've been "redeemed and washed in His blood" change the way you view your own spiritual purity?
4. The podcast explained that God's wrath often involves Him "handing people over" to the consequences of their choices. How does this perspective change your understanding of God's judgment? Does it make His wrath seem more merciful or less?
5. Throughout Revelation, God gives repeated warnings and opportunities to repent. Why do you think some people respond to these warnings while others harden their hearts? What keeps people from repenting?
6. The podcast mentioned that we should want God's justice—especially against great evils like human trafficking. How do you balance the desire for God's justice with the call to show mercy and grace to others?

7. The podcast referenced how shocking events (like the shooting at a Charlie Kirk event) can serve as "wake-up calls" that reveal what's in people's hearts. Have you witnessed events that caused people to either turn toward God or away from Him? What did you observe?

Personal Application

- Take an honest inventory: In what areas of your life might you be more influenced by cultural values than biblical truth? (Consider areas like money, relationships, politics, entertainment, success, etc.)
- When you read about God's coming judgment, what does your emotional response reveal about your heart? Do you respond with fear, thanksgiving, or something else?
- Knowing that judgment is real and coming, how does this affect your urgency to share the gospel with those who don't know Jesus?

Practical Applications

- Make a list of the top 5 influences in your life (people, media, entertainment, etc.). Evaluate whether each one is drawing you closer to Christ or pulling you toward the "beast system" of worldly values.
- Spend time in worship this week specifically thanking God for His justice and His wrath. Thank Him that He takes evil seriously and will one day make all things right.
- With the reality of judgment in mind, intentionally share the good news of Jesus with at least one person this week. Remember: "There is no refuge from the judging God, but there is refuge IN the judging God."
- Read through Exodus 34:6-7 and study the balance between God's mercy and justice. Journal about how both aspects of His character are good and holy.