



SUMMER 2026 // WEEK 4

GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // June 21, 2026

Pastor Pat Finley // Revelation 4:1-2

The Rapture and the End of the Church Age



Introduction

This Sunday our message is brought to us by Pastor Pat. Now we begin to move past the church age and the churches of John's day and look toward the end of the age as God reveals how he will consummate His plan.

We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. Many of these topics will be touched upon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don't need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.

Getting Started

Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read Revelation 4:1-2 aloud for the group.

Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

1. Pastor mentioned that Revelation 1-3 mentions the "church" 19 times and then only once again in Revelation 22 in His concluding thoughts, as the remaining chapters deal specifically with unbelieving Israel. Were you surprised there is an end to the church age? In light of God's wrath poured out on all the Earth, why do you think that even still so few repent and receive Christ?

2. Read the following verses: 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 2 Cor. 5:8; 1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 11:12. How do the door standing open (Rev. 4:1) and John's presence in heaven give us a picture of the raptured church?

3. In the Sunday message Pastor quoted, 2 Thes. 2:9-12 and said, if the rapture occurred at this moment, and you're in service today and are not a Christian, you probably won't be saved. Referring to the verses in 2 Thessalonians, why do you think Satan continually works to keep people from being saved? (Why does he care?)
4. In the prophetic timeline the next event is the rapture of the church. The theology and the technology are both in place. If the rapture came in your lifetime, what would you like to be doing when it happens? If the rapture came tomorrow, what specifically would you regret not having done? What is stopping you?

Personal Spiritual Exercises

Scripture Focus: take some time this week to read Revelation Revelation 4

Prayer *(Suggested time: 10-15 min)*

A meaningful part of "coming together" is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you're welcome to pray silently and simply say "Amen" when you're finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God's presence.

1. Pray that our church body is faithful and diligent to lean entirely on Christ in decision making and ministry. Pray for your leaders.
2. Take a few moments to think about a prayer request. What are you currently going through that you are still waiting to see how God is going to be glorified? Consider making a prayer request.

"Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!"
Rev. 4:8b, "NKJV"