



Sermon Based Study Guide

The Book of Revelation: *The Seals of Victory*

Revelation 6:1-8:1

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Leader's Guide: Do not feel like you need to use all these questions for your CG discussion. Pick and choose what you think would be best for your group. After listening to the sermon, you may have your own points for discussion.

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1. Notice the rhythm of the first four seals. First, a white horse that “conquers” through bringing peace. Second, it devolves into war with the red horse. Third, a black horse brings famine and hunger. And fourth, the pale horse brings death in many ways with the result being the grave. Have we seen this pattern in history? Discuss this together, but focus upon the promises of humanity to bring peace and the outcome.
 2. Read Rev 6:9-11. No doubt, the fact that they were “violently killed” is key to this, but many tend to miss why this happened. Why were the people in this section killed? How do we stay in the position of slain ones?
 3. When you read the first six seals, what comes to your mind? Again, regardless of how you view the end times, what causes you angst and what causes you hope?
 4. Todd made the point that there is a God who preserves His own until the end. Whatever your viewpoint of this text in Revelation, there is an overriding truth that God will hold His own tightly and preserve them. Why is this important? How is this a comfort to you right now? Spend time discussing this.
 5. When the seventh seal is open, John told the reader that it was “silent.” We aren’t told exactly why this was the case, but for the first time in the book, it was “silent.” Using just the book of Revelation, try to surmise why this was the case.