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Sermon Based Study Guide

The Book of Revelation

Christ's Enemies Defeated in His Victory: Part 2

Revelation 12:1-15:4

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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. For most American Christians, the issue of persecution is very limited. When it comes to deception, however, we are constantly bombarded by dark forces with misleading temptations that seek to draw us from Christ. One of the major points of this text is to encourage us to persevere in spite of deception (or persecution). Discuss how this could be encouraging, even if we still were to suffer persecution. Think about what the nature of the encouragement really is about. Do not hurry past this one!
 2. In the Revelation, the focus is upon two beasts that seek to take the focus off of the true God for themselves (and the dragon). The Bible, however, warns that “beasts” of sorts will come before they do to deceive. Talk about the ‘beasts’ we might be worshiping, or focusing upon instead of God, even today in America. Everything in our lives should display the testimony of Jesus (see Rev 12:17; also 14:12 “faith in Jesus”), so what in your life does NOT display the testimony of Jesus?
 3. Todd challenged us to practice discernment in our culture and our lives because we can be so easily deceived. Talk about areas where you think you might be deceived (this is going to be hard, because if we are deceived, we won’t even know it!!). While discussing this, try to add to this the reason for which we need other believers to see our weaknesses and areas of sin.
 4. There are two awful pictures of God’s wrath upon those that reject him: (1) like the burning of incense with intense torment and (2) like a winepress with immense blood. This is very difficult to think through, but how does this bring honor to God for eternity? How does this motivate/encourage you?