



Group Questions | March 12 | Week 5

OPENER

This week, we started with four reminders or disclaimers about the book of Revelation.

- **Remember that this is prophecy.** While it may speak of some things to come, its purpose is to impact the hearer now.
- **Remember that this is a letter.** Written to specific people. Its truth can echo through time to us, but we must be careful not to make everything in Revelation about us and our time.
- **Remember that this is Apocalyptic Literature.** There are many symbols, and it's tempting to pick and choose what's a symbol and what's real. But it focuses more on explaining the bigger picture of Christ and his victory.
- **Remember to hold on loosely to time.** Our approach to Revelation is not chronological but cyclical—several stories of the same event from different angles.

What do you think about those disclaimers when reading Revelation? Are they helpful?

TRUTH

The Kingdom of Heaven is mentioned a lot throughout this letter. And Travis asked this question on Sunday - where is it? What are your thoughts on this question?

Read 2 Peter 3:10-13.

What do you recall Travis mentioning about the words "Fire" and "New"? What was the intended meaning of these words?

Revelation chapters 8-9 have lots of destruction happening. There are six trumpets (of seven) blown that bring all of this destruction, and the sixth trumpet brings an army that will also cause a lot of destruction.

Do you think this is all symbolism? Or something real?

Many people view all this destruction from an evil in the depths of the earth (Chapter 9) as symbolism for the destructiveness that sin has brought into our lives.

Read Ephesians 6:12 and discuss how this verse may impact our understanding of

chapters 8-9.

APPLICATION

As we read this book together and walk through this series as a church, we'll ask these questions each week to help us keep our attention on Christ instead of being distracted.

How does this week's teaching keep our focus on the hope of Christ?

How does this change the way we should live our lives?

PRAY