

House Church Gathering Discussion Questions

Sunday November 1, 2026

“When the World Shakes”

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-3

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Summary: Revelation 6–8 describes a world filled with war, violence, suffering, injustice, and God's judgment. As Jesus opens the seven seals, we see how quickly the things people depend on—peace, security, wealth, and power—can fall apart. Yet in the middle of these frightening events, Revelation 7 reminds us that God has not forgotten His people. He sees their suffering, hears their prayers, and promises that one day He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 8 reminds us that God is still working out His purposes, even when the world seems chaotic. These chapters are not meant simply to frighten us about the future, but to encourage us to remain faithful to Jesus in the present. The greatest message is that when everything around us seems to be falling apart, God has not lost control. We may not understand why suffering happens or when it will end, but we can trust that Jesus is still reigning, evil will not have the final word, and God will never abandon those who belong to Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you look at the world today, what makes you feel most worried or afraid?
2. Why do you think God allows suffering to continue instead of stopping everything immediately?
3. How does knowing that God sees our suffering and promises to wipe away every tear change the way we face difficult times?