



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: The Seventh Seal

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Scripture: Revelation 8 - 9

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READ Chapter 8

1. Chapter 8 begins with the seventh seal opened and silence in heaven for about a half an hour. Why does God often bring a calm before the storm?
2. What does this chapter teach us about our prayers and God's response to them?
3. Even though our prayer time doesn't typically include incense or an altar, what can we do to make sure our prayer time is spiritually impactful and pleasing to the Lord?
4. With each of the first four trumpet blasts one third of the natural creation is destroyed. When you picture this happening, what thoughts and feelings come to mind?

READ Chapter 9

5. When the fifth trumpet blasts, John sees a fallen star who is given the key to the Abyss. Who do you think the fallen star refers to?
6. Why are the locusts often described with the word, "like"? What insights do we gain from the origin of the locusts and their very detailed description?
7. Amidst the agony and suffering caused by the locusts, there is protection for some. What can we learn from what God allows and what He doesn't allow?
8. The final third of destruction that began in chapter 8 now spreads to one third of mankind. What do we learn about the army that does this? Do you think they are an earthly force or demonic?
9. The end of chapter 9 makes a point of how the rest of mankind reacts to these plagues. Does this surprise you? What do they continue to do and why?