

Community Group Questions
Revelation chapter 7

Opening question: In what ways is it evident that there is a fascination with the end of the world? Why do you suppose that is?

Scripture study

- Before reading chapter 7, go back to chapter 6 and review some of the events that occurred. What is the significance to the ending verses of chapter 6? How does 6:17 serve as an introduction to chapter 7?

- Read 7:1. What does John see? Read Jeremiah 49:36, Daniel 7:2 & Hosea 13:15 for some help on what the four winds represent. How is God's power evident in Revelation 7:1? Discuss this statement: Even though we may not see God's power at work doesn't mean He is impotent/powerless.

- Read 7:2-8. What is the significance of the angels holding back judgment? What is this seal on their foreheads (see 14:1)? Why the seal? See also 9:1-4. Taken at face value, who are the ones sealed? How is this sealing of these servants an anchor of hope for us? Read Jeremiah 31:35-37; Romans 9:6-8; 11:1-6 for more insight into God's covenant to Israel. What promises of God do you come back to again and again?

- Read 7:9-14. Describe what John sees & hears. What is it about this group of people that is distinct from the previous 144,000? What do these verses tell us about the tribulation period (see also Joel 2:28-32)? How can suffering lead people to faith?

- Read 7:15-17. How are these verses connected with 6:9-11? What are some of the blessings for those who have suffered? What does this say to us about what we have to look forward to? How does this interlude/time out of chapter 7 serve to remind us of interludes we need in our lives?