

Community group questions
Revelation 12:1-6

Opening question: If you could go “behind the scenes” to a Broadway play or movie production what one would you visit?

Scripture study

Read Revelation 12:1-6.

- Where is this scene taking place? What does that tell us about what is happening “behind the scenes”?

The characters

- What is significant about this vision being described as a sign? Who are the characters involved and what are some possible explanations to their identification? What difference does it make in viewing this as the church or the nation Israel? What does Isaiah 26:16-18 say about the prophets’ understanding of Israel’s purpose? See also I Peter 1:10-12 of the Messianic hope of the prophets.

The conflict

- Who is the dragon and what is his ambition? What do other Scriptures tell us about Satan: I Peter 5:8-9; II Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-14; any others? What are the dangers of erring on the side of obsession or denial when it comes to the reality of Satan? What is a healthy view of Satan and our spiritual battles?

The climax

- How do these 6 verses in Revelation 12 show us that Satan is unable to thwart the purposes of God? How does God’s protection of the nation Israel strengthen your faith? What difference does it make knowing that you fight battles of life from victory? How do each of these verses speak to that victory: I Peter 5:8-10; James 4:7-8; I John 4:4; 5:1-5; Luke 22:31-32; II Timothy 1:7-10? What specific application can you make to your life about life’s battles?