

Community Group Questions
Revelation, chapter 13

Opening question: What is it about deception that makes it convincing? Ever been fooled by an imitation to the real thing?

Scripture study: Revelation 13

- Read 13:1-8. What are some features of this beast? What is he able to accomplish? How do we see God's sovereignty in what the beast can do? Compare Daniel 7:1-8 with Revelation 13:2. What is the interpretation of Daniel's vision and how might it relate to what John saw (see Daniel 7:16-18, 23-25)? See also 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 for more insight as to the possible identity of this beast. What practical words do we see in John's epistle about antichrist (I John 2:18-23; 4:1-6)?
- Read 13:11-15. What are some features of this beast? How is this different than the first beast? How does deception play out through this beast? What do we see of a parody in the two visions? How do we guard our hearts against any "beast-like" contenders wanting authority in our lives?
- Read 13:16-18. What tactic does the beast use to separate unbelievers from true believers? What tactics are used today to pull us away from worship of the one true God? What do we know of this number and what don't we know?
- Read 13:9-10. What is the application from these verses in light of everything else in this chapter? How are we called to this each day as a follower of Christ? What challenges do you encounter for being a follower of Christ?