

Community group questions
Revelation 14:8-20

Opening question: Share a time when you did not listen to a warning or you gave a warning to someone who didn't listen. What did you learn from it?

Scripture study

- Read Revelation 14:6-11. What do we know of the ancient city of Babylon (see Daniel 1:1-2; 3:1-6; 4:29-30; Isaiah 47:5-7, 10-11)? What does Revelation 14:8 tell us of her influence? Why should we not trust in any world system? Since there is no literal city of Babylon at the time of John's writing what is meant by this announcement and what is its significance to believers and unbelievers?
- What is going on in verses 9-11? Discuss the difficulty some people have with the wrath of God. How would you answer someone who genuinely asks, "How does the wrath of God fit what we know of God as loving and merciful?"
- How does 14:12 connect to what you just read? How is this to be an encouragement to the readers in John's day and to us today? What is calling for patient endurance in your life right now?
- Read 14:14-20. What is the first harvest pictured here? Who has the sickle, what is he to do with it, and what does it suggest? Read Matthew 13:24-30 for more insight on the first harvest of wheat/grain. What is the point of this picture of the grape harvest (17-20)?
- Application: Read 14:13. Who are blessed and what are they promised? How should this verse motivate us as followers of Christ? Based on what we just read in this chapter, what is one work we are tasked with?