

Community Group Questions
Revelation 8

Opening question: Share a time when silence was unsettling or unnerving. Share a time when silence is welcomed.

Scripture study

- Read Revelation 8:1-2. What is the connection between the opening of the seventh seal and silence? What do we learn from these passages about the proper response to coming judgment: Psalm 46:8-10; Psalm 76:7-9; Isaiah 41:1-4; Zephaniah 1:4-7? How can all the noise drown out a reverential stillness and silence before God?

- Read Revelation 8:3-5. What is going on here? What specifically were they praying (see 6:9-11)? How are these prayers related to what is to come with the trumpet judgments? How would this be an encouragement to the first century Christians? How is it an encouragement to you?

- Discuss the appropriateness of asking God to judge evil and evildoers and what are some cautions for us in praying this way? Share how looking forward to God's justice being carried out help us with anger and bitterness.

- Read Revelation 8:6-12. What are some similarities between these four trumpet judgments? Why would the God who created this earth bring such devastation to it? What does Romans 1:18-25 teach us about God's creation and his judgment against humankind? What do we know about this earth and how should that motivate us living in this world today?

- What other personal application(s) can be made from Revelation chapter 8?