

Community group questions
Revelation 11

Opening question: What was one of your first jobs? How did that job contribute to society?

Scripture study

- Read Revelation 11:1-2. What was strange about this assignment given to John? Look up these verses and answer what does this tell us about a temple:
 - I Kings 8:10-13
 - Psalms 66:13
 - John 2:18-22
 - I Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20

From these verses, what are a couple of explanations for the temple John sees?

- Read 11:3-6. What are some of the interpretive issues raised in these verses? What is said of these two witnesses? Who might they be? When does this vision take place and how is it similar to what John saw between the sixth and seventh seals (7:4, 9, 14)? How do these verses speak to the power of our witness today? What evidence can we bring to an unbelieving world of the power of Christ in us?
- Read 11:7-14. Why is there a temporary celebration? How do we see God's hand in all of this? What does verse 13 say about the mercy of God?
- Read 11:15-19. What does the seventh trumpet announce? Make some observations about the specific language used, the actions being taken, and the cause for worship. How do these verses compel us to action? How does I Corinthians 3:10-15 speak to the rewarding we see here in verse 18?
- Discuss: There is a coming day when witnessing will be no more and on that day, it will be worship. How does looking forward to "that day" speak to "this day" in which we now live?