

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: AI: Apocalyptic Insight

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Memory Verse: Revelation 4:11 NIV

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word with the goal of leading to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: God brings judgment on a wicked world, but they refuse to repent and turn to Him.

Read Revelation 8

- For about half an hour, there was silence in heaven. Have you ever intentionally set aside time to practice the spiritual discipline of silence? If so, what was your experience like? If not, what has held you back? In a noisy and fast-paced world, why do you think silence is important in our spiritual lives?
- Here and in other places in the Old Testament, God brings judgment in response to prayers of His suffering people. What does this teach us about the impact of prayer? What comfort do you take knowing God will judge those who have hurt His children?
- Why does God judge? Do you long for God's judgment? Is it appropriate to ask God to judge evil and those who commit evil acts? Are there any cautions we should have in praying this way?

Read Revelation 9

- We see that God has put limits on what the creatures from the abyss can do. They cannot torture longer than five months, and they cannot kill. People will long for death but will not find it. How does this reflect God's desire for individuals to seek



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Him and find spiritual life rather than choosing spiritual death? Discuss the concept of God's mercy being intertwined with His judgments. How can we apply this understanding to our own lives, recognizing that even in difficult circumstances, God may be extending His mercy toward us?

- The sixth trumpet brings death to one third of the human race. How do you deal with and process death? In what ways have you seen or experienced opportunities to share your faith with others who are grieving? How does the Christian belief in redemption and resurrection provide hope in the face of death?
- Those who remain after the sixth trumpet persist in their idolatry. Do you have anyone in your life who you feel is unreachable with the Gospel? What gives you this impression? While we cannot force anyone to become a Christian, what can we do to continue to be a light for the message of Christ to those who are far from God?
- What do verses 20-21 reveal about God's purpose for allowing these judgments? When you experience hardship, does it tend to draw you closer to God or push you further away? Share more about this from a personal experience.
- Our world today is filled with idolatry that goes beyond figures made out of natural elements. What are some typical idols that are common struggles for people today? Are Christians immune from the attraction of these idols? Are there any idolatrous relationships or attractions you struggle with?



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