

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 will bring judgment, but He is still faithful to save & to protect His servants.

Read Revelation 6

- What is significant about the word “given” or “granted” in Revelation 6:2, 4, 8? In stories from Job to Revelation, we see God granting permission to Satan to terrorize humanity. Is this something you have wrestled with? How were you able to work through that in a healthy way?
- Why is it right and loving for God to judge sin and exact justice? Why is it important to acknowledge and understand that God is both merciful and wrathful and not emphasize one over the other? How can we explain to others this duality of God?
- With the absence of many Jesus followers, strife and conflict increase. What is the only message in this world that has the ability to bring peace? What is it about the Gospel message that makes it the only way? Why don't we have peace now? Is peace on earth possible? Do you see yourself as an active participant in the global movement for Jesus? Why or why not?
- The rider of the horse that comes forth from the fourth seal brings death. When talking with those who do not know Jesus, is fear an appropriate evangelistic



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tactic? What are some methods for sharing the gospel with those who do not yet know Jesus? What might keep you from responding to God's call to share Him with others?

- The Martyrs cry out, asking God how much longer until their blood will be avenged. Are you ever frustrated with God's patience? What does God's delay in judgment tell us about His character? In what ways do you think God's patience serves as a model for our relationships?

Read Revelation 7

- What mark of ownership in your lifestyle shows God's possession of you? Do you have any habits you need to alter to better reflect the fact that God owns every area of your life?
- What does it mean to be "robed in white" and made "white in the blood of the Lamb?" How does this relate to our understanding of salvation through Jesus Christ? In addition to Jesus' redemptive work, what are some other primary tenets of the Christian faith? Are you familiar with the statement of faith and core beliefs of New Covenant?
- Verse 7:14 indicates there are still people coming to faith during the tribulation. Do hard times draw you closer to God or push you away? Share with the group about a time when God was patient with you. Where else do we see examples of God's long-suffering?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be the "Lamb who will be their shepherd?" Does this imagery impact your understanding of what heaven will be like? If so, how? What does it mean to you to have Jesus as your shepherd?



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