

Group Discussion Guide

What on earth is happening? Wk 2

1- What thought comes to your mind when you hear the phrase: 'The end of the world'?

2- What do you think Judgement Day will be like?

3- On Sunday, we continued to talk about Jesus opening the wax seals on the scroll of history. Remember that the Apostle John is seeing a vision of Heaven. Jesus is surrounded by the 24 elders (represent all leaders of Christ's people), angels & 4 living creatures (represent all of creation). Christ is holding the scroll of history in His right hand. As He opens each seal, something happens on Earth. The first 4 seals represent a personification (4 horsemen) of the 4 phases of war throughout history. The 5th seal represents the prayer request of the martyrs for justice against their murderers. On Sunday, we talked about the 6th wax seal that Jesus opened. What do you remember from Sunday's message?

4- Read Revelation 6:12-17. What details do you notice the most in these verses?

5- Read Revelation 6:12-13, Joel 2:10 & Joel 2:30-31. How do these passages relate to one another? What does this look like in the theater of your mind?

6- Read Revelation 6:14 & Isaiah 34:4. Why do you think Christ's wrath is falling on creation in this vision...when Adam and Eve (not creation) ate the fruit to bring sin's curse upon us?

7- Read Revelation 6:15. How many kinds of people are listed in this verse? What is John emphasizing with that particular number?

8- Have someone tell (read or paraphrase) the story of Adam & Eve eating the fruit in Genesis chapter 3. Why did Adam & Eve hide from the LORD? What are some ways that we can relate to Adam & Eve's hiding?

9- In Revelation 6:16-17a, the evil people of this world are shouting to the mountains & rocks: 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, because the great day of their wrath has come!' In the ancient world, mountains were believed to be the home of their gods. So the mountains would represent their gods and the rocks represent their idols. What truth is being proclaimed through this vision?

10- Revelation 6:17 closes the vision of the 6th seal with a question being asked by the evil people of this world. In their panic, they all shout "Who can stand?" What are they asking?

11- The vision of the 6th seal proclaims that Jesus will not share our heart with an idol. So this is a warning to those who have rejected Christ for idols. It is also a warning for disciples of Jesus who have allowed an idol to come into their lives. What are some

common idols that our culture embraces? Which of these idols have you battled the most during your life?

12- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Close out your time in prayer by letting Christ know how much you love Him.