

Not Today Satan Wk 1 Group Discussion Guide

Group tip: I recommend breaking the ladies and men out separately for either the entire discussion or -at least- for #s 10 & 11. That may help people open up more in conversation.

1- At the beginning of Sunday's message, Seth talked about a documentary called Phrogging. Have you ever heard of phrogging?

2- It's scary to think about someone living in our home undetected. But in reality, we have spiritual enemies who are very close to us and often remain undetected.

Revelation 17-18 unveils one of our greatest enemies: the notorious prostitute. Read Revelation 17:1-2 & Proverbs 7:6-22. How do these passages relate to each other?

What does the beast represent? (Demonic government/rulers who oppress God's people.) What does the Prostitute represent? (The people/things that allure us to worship the beast...she's like temptation that makes sin attractive)

3- Remember that the concept of sexual immorality is mentioned in Scripture, both literally & symbolically to address our sins. Throughout Scripture, it is often used symbolically for committing spiritual adultery in our relationship to Jesus. That's what happens when we give into temptation. Read Revelation 17:3-6a. What symbolism do you see in these verses?

4- In Revelation 17:6b-7a, the apostle John says "When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. Then the angel said to me 'Why are you astonished?'" What's going on here?

4- Read Revelation 17:7b-13. What detail(s) do you notice the most? What do you think John is emphasizing in these verses? (Allow folks to share their perspectives and opinions while helping everyone stay connected to the big picture: throughout history, there have been oppressive governments that allure the world to slander and hate the Lamb & His people. These governments have come and gone...like Babylon & Rome...but continue to arise throughout history...but eventually, they will be destroyed.)

5- Read Revelation 17:14. What is your initial thought or feeling when you read this verse?

6- Read Revelation 17:15-18. What can we learn about God in these verses? What can we learn about the Prostitute, Beast and the earth dwellers?

7- Read Revelation 18:1-3. How do you picture this vision in your mind?

8- Read Revelation 18:4 & Jeremiah 51:6. What are these passages urging God's people to do? Why is this such a needed message for God's people?

9- Read Revelation 18:5-24. What detail(s) pop out at you in these verses? Why do you think John is going into so many details about the earth dwellers' response to the Prostitute's destruction?

10- Read Revelation 18:4 & Revelation 17:14. Which of these verses speak the most to you? What do you sense that Jesus is telling you to do? How can this group support and encourage you to obey Christ?

11- Spend some time lifting each other up in prayer.