

Group Discussion Guide

Church in the Wild Week 1

1- On Sunday, we kicked off our next mini series called Church In The Wild. In this series, we will walk through the 7 trumpets. The 7 trumpets replay the chaos of history, leading to the end of the world...just as the 7 seals did. The 7 seals focused on the security of our salvation...even in the face of persecutions & death. But the 7 trumpets will show us the chaos of history, focusing on God's judgements upon the earth dwellers (those apart from Christ). What are some truths that you remember from the message?

2- In order to understand the 7 trumpets, we need to remember the story of the 10 plagues in Egypt. In Exodus chapters 7-12, we read the story of Pharaoh refusing to repent. Although the LORD sent plagues of blood, frogs, gnats, flies, death of livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness & the death of the firstborn...Pharaoh would eventually die in his sins. Why do you think the LORD sent 10 plagues? Why didn't He exert all of His power in 1 plague?

3- Read 2 Peter 3:9 together. What can we learn about the LORD in this verse? How can this verse help us remember Christ's love and mercy during the hardships of life?

4- Read Revelation 8:2 & 6. Try to picture this scene in your mind. What does this look like in your mind?

5- Read Revelation 8:7 & Exodus 9:23-25. How do these passages relate to each another?

6- Read Revelation 8:8-9 & Exodus 7:17-19. How are these passages similar? How are they different?

7- Read Revelation 8:10-11. How do you picture this in your mind?

8- Although wormwood can be used for medicinal purposes, like ridding the body of internal parasites...it contains a toxin that can be poisonous in large doses. Throughout the Old Testament, wormwood symbolized the LORD's judgements. Read Jeremiah 23:15 & 2 Kings 17:16-17. How do these passages provide insight into the 3rd trumpet (Revelation 8:10-11)?

9- Read Revelation 8:12, John 8:12 & 1 John 1:5-7. What does light & darkness symbolize in these passages? What do you think Christ is doing with the 4th trumpet?

10- Read Revelation 8:13. How can we see Christ's mercy in this verse?

11- In the first 4 trumpets, we see God's judgements pouring out on the earth (creation). Throughout history, natural disasters have a way of catching our attention. Through the earthquakes, hail, tornados, severe thunderstorms, hurricanes & flooding...Christ provides opportunities for us to remember that we aren't as powerful as we think we are....while inviting us to consider the One Who holds all of history in His hands. What are some ways that you have experienced Christ use a natural disasters to draw people closer to Him?

12- Read 2 Peter 3:9. Who do you know in need of Christ's salvation? Close your discussion by praying for them.