



## **TALK IT OVER**

**7/26/2020**

**Message Series:** Revelation: The End

**Message:** Seals, Trumpets, Bowls

**Week # 3**

**Communicator:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**Big Idea:** We look to the past to find hope for the future and purpose for the present.

**Central Text/s:** Revelation 6:1 "As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the scroll. Then I heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" Revelation 6 - 11

**Wins and Words of the Week:** Take time to share **WINS**, (what God did) and **WORD**, (what God shared with you from His word) that moved you and others forward and closer to Jesus.

**Ice Breaker:** It's summertime in Montana...Would you rather get rid of mosquitos or tourists?

### **Questions to Consider:**

1. From this week's message: What made you laugh? What encouraged you? What made you scratch your head in confusion? What challenged you to make significant changes in your life as a result?
2. "Dark days ahead" Read James 1:2-4. Discuss why you can consider it great joy as you experience various life trials and challenges. What are you experiencing right now that is challenging your joy? How can we as a group come alongside you during this trying time?
3. "Don't miss the present by staring into the future". What might be distracting you from seeing what God is doing right in front of you? Who has God put in your path that you are avoiding because they are different from you? What are you waiting to do later for God that He is asking you to do now?
4. Read and discuss Matthew 5:14-16 What thoughts come to mind when you read Jesus's words in these verses? How could you live this truth in your home, work, neighborhood or community? Be specific.

### **Digging Deeper:**

5. Maturity in Christ is more than just trying not to sin or be a good person. It is reflecting the life of Jesus, revealing Him to those we come in contact with every day. Who do you know could use the love, encouragement, and peace that Jesus offers through us? How will you specifically express Jesus to that person?



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6. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-8 and Revelation 9:20-21. Talk about these two passages. What characteristics do you see in these passages that relate to today's culture? Do you see anything that relates to your life personally? How do these words challenge us for our future and that of others?
7. Read and discuss John 8:2-11. Put yourself in the story. What do you think the religious leaders, the woman, Jesus, and the crowd are processing as the story unfolds? How does this story translate into how you respond to people who are definitely in the wrong? What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"?
8. Read John 16:33. Discuss how this verse brings encouragement and hope to you and those you come into contact with. Who do you know needs this reassurance in their life today? How will you communicate this hope to them?
9. Out of the four responses on the connection card, (1. I give my life to Jesus 2. I am not ready for Jesus to return. 3. I don't want my heart to be hard but soft to God's leading and direction. 4. When I will face tribulation I will not lose hope in God) which resonated with you? How do you plan on addressing it in your life? How can we as a group support you?

### **Questions for our feet:**

1. What specific steps will I/We take to live out what we just discussed?
2. Who can we share this message or truth with? What is their name?
3. Who are you praying for to know Jesus? What is their name?
4. Who will I partner with to keep me accountable so I/We can grow?

### **Group Prayer Options:**

- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- Ask if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- Pray together for our first responders, essential workers, local churches, pastors and staff, hospital personnel, civic leaders, our President and Congress.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Cluster:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep a list of both requests and answers then celebrate the answers.**