

Revelation 8:6-11:19 October 6 | Group Guide

Pray, read Scripture, watch a video, and ask two questions (25 minutes).

Begin your group time in prayer. Ask for the Lord to help each of you take his word into your life.

Then, read **Revelation 8:6-11:19**.

After reading, watch the Week 8 <u>life group introductory video</u> on Revelation.

Questions to ask:

- What stands out to you from this passage? From the Week 8 video?
- In his sermon, Emerson framed what's happening in Revelation 8:6-11:19 around the
 question, "How can God's salvation come to earth when it seems the world is unraveling?"

What sorts of "unraveling" would the Christians John was writing to have experienced (see Revelation 2-3)?

What sorts of "unraveling" are troubling you most today?

- When you experience that kind of unraveling (big or small, concrete or abstract), what tend to be the ways in which you cope with it? What role does God play in how you handle these things?
- How do these things impact your ability to be a witness for Jesus?

Take some time individually to study Scripture and reflect (20 minutes).

In his sermon, Emerson asked the question, "How can God's salvation come to earth when it seems the world is unraveling?" and said the answer **Revelation 8:6-11:19** gives us is "Through the gospel-shaped witness of His people."

Let's break this down. Take a few moments for each person to individually consider the three Scriptures and prompts below. Have each person reflect on them. You'll come back together as a large group once finished.

1. Consider: Jesus is a faithful witness.

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 1:5.

QUESTION: How was Jesus a faithful witness? What did this faithfulness result in?

2. Consider: Christians who faithfully suffer for Jesus are faithful witnesses.

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 2:13

QUESTION: What does it mean for Christians to have a gospel-shaped witness?

3. Consider: Your own life as being one of faithful witness to Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 11:7-13

QUESTION: In what ways have you been challenged to be a faithful witness to Jesus?

Where do you need to grow in this?

Once finished, come back together as a large group.

Come back together as a large group for discussion (20 minutes).

Have one person from each smaller group describe what their reflections consisted of. Be sure to hear people's responses to the following:

- In what ways have you been challenged in your being a faithful witness to Jesus?
- Where do you need to grow in this?

Be ready to pray for anyone who may struggle with their faithfulness to Jesus.

Split into triads for prayer requests and prayer (10 minutes).

Like last week, as you wrap up, split your group into mixed triads. In each triad, have people share their prayer requests. Once each person is finished sharing, each person should then pray for the person on their right until every person in the triad group is prayed for.

Finish with logistics (5 minutes).

Nake sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through a develation series! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals .	our