

Sunday, April 30, 2023 - "The Return - Week 2 - 7 Bowls (Revelation 15/16)" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Exodus 15:1-18, Revelation 15, Revelation 16, Job 14:1-2, James 4:14, Ephesians 5:15-16a

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Profound connection between old and new testament (Exodus 15:1-18 / Revelation 15 & 16)
- "Be right. Be ready." - Doug Kempton
- Revelation was a letter written to 7 historical churches (know what it meant for them then what it means for us)
- Events in Revelation and in history happen, then happen, then happen again
 - God's word → churches experience God's power → persecution/opposition/trials → some endure, some succumb → judgement of those who oppress, still opportunity to repent
 - Fundamental battle between God and Satan
 - Why does it keep repeating? → God's mercy, opportunity to turn back to Jesus
- Author of Revelation assumes reader knows the Old Testament...but we usually don't know as much as we need
- Revelation 15 (7 bowls)
 - Exodus was a profound foreshadowing of Jesus...and Revelation
 - Day of the Lord has finally arrived...FINAL battle between good and evil...Jesus wins!
- Revelation 16:14-16 - Be ready in season and out
- Revelation 16:17 -
 - It is done (God's wrath complete)
 - Evil is defeated
 - Seals and trumpets earlier in Revelation = partial plagues (1/3 or the world etc.)
 - Revelation 15/16 = total judgement, whole world
- 7th bowl → The Lord's Prayer finally answered ...Kingdom on Earth happens (we have only seen in part)
- Revelation 15:8 - the plagues come from God and there is no longer an opportunity to repent
- Takeaways
 - Choose this day who you will serve
 - Our lives, activities, and conversations would be different if we believed Jesus is arriving any moment
 - Make the most of every opportunity
 - Job 14:1-2, James 4:14, Ephesians 5:15-16
 - Turn to Jesus and live for him (live right)
 - Be a light and tell everyone about Jesus

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. When was a time that you understood something in the new testament because of something you learned from the old testament?
2. What does it mean for you to be ready in season and out of season?
3. When was a time that God invited you into repentance? What did you do and what did you learn?
4. How have you experienced God's kingdom here on Earth?
5. What does it look like for you to make the most of every opportunity?
6. Who is God asking you to tell about Jesus?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[Great Jehovah - Travis Greene] - [Lion and the Lamb - *Bethel Music*] - [Look to the Lamb - *Jesus Culture*] - [What A Beautiful Name - *Hillsong Worship*]