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Revelation 6:9-17

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. 10 They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Sermon Outline:

1. The People of the Fifth Seal (9-11)
2. The People of the Sixth Seal (12-17)

Life Group Leader Notes:





Pastor Scott referenced results from the American Worldview Inventory by Arizona Christian University which showed “thirty percent of evangelical pastors did not answer in the affirmative that their salvation was based on the forgiveness of sins and trusting Jesus as their Savior.” What will this type of thinking do to the message of the Gospel? How will it impact the ability of Christians to endure persecution, trials, and suffering that we may experience on account of following Christ?

One of the primary purposes of The Revelation of Jesus Christ is to say that there is an end coming when Christ will return, bringing judgment and making all things right. How does the fact that God will differentiate between followers of Jesus and earth dwellers encourage you? Are there ways in which this reality challenges you? If your life was seen by an outsider, what, if any, areas of your life would they have trouble distinguishing you from an “earth dweller”?

How does the fact that God is not only a God of love but also a God of wrath sit with you? God could have rightly condemned us all and sent us all to eternal condemnation, but His attribute of love induced Him to do something about his wrath, namely providing redemption through the cross. What does this say about the magnitude of our sin and rebellion against God? What does it say about the love of the Son (Jesus) for the Father and those the Father redeems? (If you have non-believers attending your Life Group, you might ask how God’s attributes of love and wrath point to the necessity of a salvation that satisfies both God’s love and God’s righteousness? Does this raise any questions for them?)

Pastor Scott referenced Elizabeth II, Queen of England, saying she wished Jesus would return while she was living, so she could lay her royal crown at Jesus’s feet. What item, accomplishment, treasure, or honor do you have that you would want to lay at Jesus’ feet? Is there anything in your life which you would be hesitant to lay at Jesus’ feet (giving it up for Jesus)? If so, why?

Who are the people in your life that need to know Jesus’ offer of salvation and grace? Share their names with your Life Group. If you aren’t praying for these people regularly, consider committing to praying for them daily for a period of time. As you pray for them, ask the Lord to help you see opportunities He gives you to point them to Jesus. (You could spend time together as a Life Group praying for these people and opportunities to share with them the hope we have in Jesus.)

