LIFE GROUP LEADER'S

Weekly Discussion Guide



Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: <u>abfboone.com/sermons</u>
- Find Life Group resources: <u>abfboone.org/groups/resources</u>

Revelation 19:17-21

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. (ESV)

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Invitation to the Great Supper of God (17-19)
- II. The Battle of Armageddon (20-21)

Life Group Leader Notes:



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- •What were your preconceptions about the Battle of Armageddon? Do they hold up to the biblical prophecy of the event? Why do you think our idea of this battle might have been more dramatic rather than the anticlimactic version we see in the text?
- Have you thought of Satan and God as rivals- that they will fight it out in a duel and that even though Jesus would ultimately win that there would be a real fight between them? What does this belief reveal about our understanding of Satan and God?
- •There may be times when we have prayed or encouraged someone by saying "God is on your side." What are the nuances behind this statement? What are ways we can pray or encourage others in this sense that align with what Scripture teaches?
- •This battle, and all battles, belong to the Lord. As believers, any obstacle, challenge, difficulty, hardship we face and their outcomes belong to our God. What attributes of God help us to trust him with these battles in our lives?
- Have you ever encountered the belief that there are essentially two different Gods in the Bible? A vindictive God of wrath in the Old Testament and a kind God of mercy in the New Testament? Have you ever felt this way? How has this study of Revelation revealed that God is both loving & just in the Old & New Testaments? How are his love & justice perfectly satisfied on the cross?
- •This portion of Revelation has gone from the highest joys in the return of Christ to the most terrifying judgment of the wicked. The highest highs and lowest lows are mingled in a few verses. If you have been emotionally gripped by the sermons, that is the point. What has been your main takeaway from these sermons the past few weeks? How has the Holy Spirit worked in your life through these sermons?

