



Revelation 4-7: Round One

MAIN THING

God's Judgements On An Unrepentant Society Begin

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 6

ICEBREAKER

Did you ever do something as a kid, got caught, but for some reason nothing happened to you? Got away scot free?

OPENING THOUGHT

After the opening part of Revelation where Jesus speaks to churches, we move into a different section of John's vision. The time is up. God's judgments on a society that refuses to repent and persists in rebellion begin. They begin with what is known as the "Seal Judgments," which are the mildest and least severe of the judgments in the book. With each successive judgment, the consequences grow more severe as God both punishes sin and calls people to repentance.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. After the sixth seal is opened and the natural disasters hit the earth so hard that people hide in caves, why do you think the people persisted in their rebellion and refused to repent? Why is repentance such an abhorrent concept to people, even when they can see their world being destroyed before their very eyes?

LIFE APPLICATION

Now we begin to see why Jesus was so tough on the Laodicean church in Revelation 3. He knew what was about to happen and He knew His churches weren't ready for it. They were basking in lukewarmness and loving it- meanwhile the storm clouds were gathering and they didn't know it. What is one thing that will change about you, now that you know what is in the future and could happen at any time?

CHALLENGE

There are several reactions to the thought of God's judgments. One is to collapse in fear. Another is to grow resentful of God and have a major problem with it, almost saying, "Who is God to do this to us?" The appropriate response is to take stock of your own walk with Christ, the state of your own heart before Him, and to continue walking faithfully with Him. Just remember- those who walk with Christ and are surrendered to Him will not see any of these things- they will be raptured to heaven before these events take place.

If you have never been baptized or committed to Christ, will you consider doing so now?

If you have never led anyone to Christ, will you consider doing so now?