

LifeGroup Study

Apocalypse of Hope : “The End Of Evil”

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERMON SUMMARY

Evil is an undeniable reality, but in the light of Revelation, it is a defeated one. From the seductive systems of Babylon to the ancient malice of the Dragon, John’s vision pulls back the curtain on a victory already won. This week, we move from the mystery of evil’s origin to the certainty of its destruction.

KEY VERSE

Revelation 20:1-2
"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven... He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years."

SERMON NOTES

<https://bible.com/events/49563024>

1. What ideas from the sermon caught your attention?
2. Babylon is draped in gold and pearls (Rev 17:4), showing that evil often looks like success and luxury before it is revealed as destructive. Where do you see "Babylonian" values (wealth at the expense of others) being normalized in our daily lives?
3. In chapter 18:4, God offers mercy by telling His people to "come out" of the system before it falls. If "coming out" is an act of repentance, what is one cultural "comfort" you might need to leave behind to stay faithful to Jesus?
4. In Rev 19:13, Jesus' robe is dipped in blood before the battle starts. Some suggest this is His own blood shed on the cross. How does the idea of Jesus conquering through His own suffering (rather than by shedding the blood of others) redefine what "victory" looks like for us?
5. The Rider on the White Horse has a sword coming out of His mouth (the Word). If the primary way evil is eradicated is through the Truth, how can we better use the "sword" of scripture and honest testimony in our personal struggles?
6. If evil is currently "on a leash," does that give you more confidence to share the Gospel and act for justice?
7. How does the hope of a time when evil is physically removed from our world provide comfort to those who are currently suffering from violence or injustice?
8. At the end of chapter 20, Death and Hades are thrown into the lake of fire. If the "removal of evil" is the ultimate Christian hope, why do we sometimes prefer to "manage" our sins rather than asking God to eradicate them?
9. If the "Dragon" is ultimately destined for the lake of fire, why do we still live in fear of him? How can this group help you live this week as if the victory of Revelation 20 is already a settled fact?

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: "Lord, we don't always understand why evil persists or where it began. We acknowledge the mystery of evil in our world."

Group: *30 seconds of silence to remember the suffering in our world.*

Leader: "John calls us to 'come out' of Babylon's lies. We don't want to be shaped by the empire's greed or the dragon's deception."

Group: "We come out of the shadow and into Your light."

Leader: "We look to the Rider on the White Horse, Jesus. His Word is our truth. His sacrifice is our strength. We believe that evil is being eradicated and that Your New Creation is coming."

Group: "Lord Jesus, bind the deceiver in our lives. Unmask the idols in our hearts. We stand in Your victory today and forever. Amen."