

Revelation 11:15-19
Your Kingdom Come

Warm Up

What is your favourite Bible verse? Does it reveal God's mercy, love and grace or His wrath and judgment?

Background and context

The third woe, is the final trumpet blast. It announces Christ as King! This does not mean that Christ has suddenly become King. He has always been Lord. Rather, this announces the open and complete manifestation of His rule. The first thing that Jesus will do is to judge the world. This seems strange and contrary to what we often believe about God. Yet, it is a theme that runs through scripture; a juxtaposition of God's mercy and wrath! Human kingdoms will come and go, kings and presidents will rise and fall, but God's kingdom will remain forever. The human kingdoms believe they have power and control, but when Christ returns to rule as King, all their power will be swept away.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ Revelation 11:15-19. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. **Look up Matthew 25:31-46, John 3:16-18, Matthew 13:24-29, 40-43.** Where in these passages do we see both God's mercy and His wrath? What does this teach us about God's nature?
2. Why should it not be a surprise that the first thing God does at His return is judgment of the world?
3. What earthly things do people put their hope in?
4. How is Christ's Kingdom different from earthly kingdoms?
5. **Read v16-17.** What reason do the elders have for giving thanks to God?
6. Why is worship an appropriate response to God's power?
7. **Read v18.** How might this verse provide comfort for a Christian who is struggling or experiencing persecution?
8. **Read Exodus 25:17-22, Romans 3:25, Rev 11:19.** How does the Ark point us to Jesus?
9. **Read v19.** What do the thunder, lightning and earthquake symbolise?



Discipleship and Application

10. Are you looking forward to Christ's return? Why?
11. Which people who don't know Jesus are you concerned about?
12. What are you doing to witness to those you are concerned about?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

"ON YOUR KNEES" Prayer meeting 31st October 7-9pm in the Hive. Praying for those we love to come to Christ!

Fancy a different approach to Bible study?

Try these ways of exploring a passage.

S.O.A.P.

S. Scripture

Read and/or write out the verse or passage.

O. Observe

What do you notice about the passage? Write notes down.

A. Apply

What do I need to do in my life to apply the teaching?

P. Pray

Pray about the reading. Ask God to help you apply it to your life.

Or this way....

What does the passage teach about God or Jesus?

What does it teach about humans? (Therefore me)

How do I apply in my life what I have learned today?

How about this way?

The 6 Ps

Position yourself to hear from God.

Pore over the passage and paraphrase it

Pull out the principles and teachings

Pose questions

Plan obedience

Pray about your study

Just one more...

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Atttributes of God/Jesus

Promises of God

Pinciples to live by

Lessons to be learned

Examples to follow

In this method look for one or more of the five themes. They may not all be there.

If your group is creative or artistic... why not do an evening of Bible journalling. Create a piece of art or poetry based on a bible passage or verse.