

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Victory of the Martyrs Revelation 7

Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Revelation 7:1-8. Who are the 144,000? What is symbolized by the act of sealing?

When God's plan is finally complete, how long will it have taken Him to fulfill His covenant promises to Abraham? What can we learn from this fact?

Read Revelation 7:9-17. Who are the great multitude? What do they have in common with the 144,000, and how are they different? What blessings are promised to everyone who is a part of this multitude?

What characteristics of heavenly worship are evident in this text? How does this worship compare and contrast with how we typically worship today?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Have you ever had to wait a long time for God to answer one of your prayers – much longer than you expected? If so, what was that experience like? How did God finally answer you? What did you learn about God and yourself through the process of waiting?

Have you ever shared the Gospel with someone who was ethnically or culturally different than yourself? If you have, what was the experience like? What opportunities did you discover as you interacted with that person? What challenges and obstacles did you encounter?

Is it an aspiration of yours to grow as a worshipper? Why or why not? Are there any obstacles in your life which hinder you from wholeheartedly pursuing that goal? If there are, what are they?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What promises has God made to us? Name a few of the most important promises of God in the Scripture. How might we use these promises, and the fact that God will certainly keep them, to strengthen our faith in times of trial, difficulty, and doubt?

Since there will be people from every tribe, language, people, and nation in heaven, how can we become better at cross-cultural ministry both inside and outside the church in the here and now? What challenges and opportunities might we encounter as we undertake this endeavor?

How might our worship better reflect our future worship as it will exist in heaven? What would need to change in our individual lives and in our church in order to make progress in this area?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will your worship more closely reflect the worship of heaven this week?