

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Worship the Almighty

Revelation 11:15-19

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

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 11:15-19. How does the kingdom of the world contrast with the kingdom of God? In terms of goals, priorities, allegiances, and commitments, how are they different?

Why is it good news that the kingdom of God will completely replace the kingdom of the world?

What characteristics, attributes, and works of God are celebrated by the twenty-four elders in this passage? How does their worship inform our own?

Why was John given a glimpse of the heavenly temple and the Ark of the Covenant? What does that tell us about God's ultimate plans for us in the future? What is the significance of the lightning, thunder, earthquake, and hail?

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)

What is your greatest hope? Is that hope mainly directed to something in this present life, or is it focused on the life to come?

What is worship? Is worship something that only "religious" people do some of the time (say, at church), or is it something that all people do all the time? Based on your answer, what does worship look like in your life?

In your opinion, what is the single greatest thing about heaven? Why is heaven something that we should look forward to more than anything else? What is it that makes it so magnificent and desirable?

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)

How is the coming kingdom of God supposed to affect our attitude, actions, and outlook on life in the here and now? How does this truth provide us with comfort in times of difficulty, trials, or persecution?

If the kingdom of the world is temporary, what will become of all our work in this present life? Will any of it "carry over" into eternity? What can we do in this life that is of lasting value?

How can we maintain our focus on the future kingdom of God while at the same time living our day-to-day lives in this present world? Why is it so hard to do this?

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 might you place your hope in God and His coming kingdom this week?