

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Rewards Await Revelation 14:1-13

"Here is a call for the endurance of the saints."

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 14:1-5. The 144,000 were first introduced in Revelation 7:1-8. What more do we learn about them from this passage? Who are they? What are their unique characteristics? What privileges do they enjoy?

Read Revelation 14:6-7. What is the "eternal gospel" proclaimed by the angel? What is the essence of the message, and who is being addressed? Is it possible that anyone will respond?

Read Revelation 14:8-11. What are we being warned against in this passage? What does it mean to worship the beast and receive his mark? What are the ultimate consequences of beast-worship? Is there any connection between the beast and Babylon?

Read Revelation 14:12-13. What does the endurance of the saints look like? What are the main characteristics of godly endurance identified in this text? How are they related to each other?

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 experienced difficulties, challenges, or suffering in your Christian life which have required you to practice patient endurance? If so, what was the experience like, and what ultimately brought you through it? How did you grow through that experience?

What do you think is the most important, foundational truth of the Gospel? When you reflect on the Gospel, are you more inclined to think of it in terms your own personal salvation, or in terms of God's ultimate glory? Why do you tend to think about it that way?

How would you describe your faith at this present time? Would you describe it as strong or weak, constant or wavering, solid or unstable? How does your faith affect the way you live your life?

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 can we heed the warning against idolatry given in this passage? What does "bestly" worship look like in our day and age? How should we respond to it?

How can we grow in our faith in Jesus and our obedience to God's commands? How will these virtues help us to endure in our faith over the long term?

Where do we ultimately get the strength to endure in our faith? When we experience trials, do we simply need to "toughen up", grit our teeth, clench our fists, and face it with as much determination as we can muster? Or does our strength come from an altogether different source? Explain your answer.

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 grow in your faith and obedience this week? How can you help others do the same?