

## Sermon Discussion Guide

Revelation: Knowing God  
Revelation 10:1-11  
October 3 & 4, 2020

### **Part 1: Pray**

Every time we study God's word, we should ask God to use the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, teach us and mold us into who he created us to be. Ask God to reveal his truth to transform you through your discussion time.

### **Part 2: Read the Text**

Read the passage(s) from the sermon. Keep a focus on key words, repeated phrases or major themes.

### **Part 3: Reflect on the Sermon**

#### *Introduction*

1. What is the difference between knowing things about God and knowing God?
2. What are some moments or experiences in your life when you've gone from knowing about God to knowing God? What is it about hardships in our marriages, families, finances, etc. that lead us to answer the question of whether we really know God?

#### *Knowing God: Reality Check (Misconception of God's Power, Wisdom, Timing)*

1. What are some misconceptions that you've had about God?
2. What are the implications of not properly perceiving God's power (perceiving him not as powerful as he actually is)?

3. Brandon talked about having a “Bubba” when we have God. How has God’s power been evident in your life?
  
4. Brandon said that trying to take in God’s wisdom is like a gnat trying to drink in the ocean. Reflect on this idea. How does God’s wisdom inform our life, our suffering our hardships and our worship?
  
5. To misconceive God’s timing is to miss the suddenness of God’s judgement and Jesus’ return. What does it look like for you, in your life, to properly perceive God’s timing and be prepared for Jesus’ return?

*Knowing God: Eat the Scroll*

1. What’s the difference between *reading* the Word of God and *eating* the Word of God? What do we do to eat the Word?
  
2. What does it mean to experience the sweetness of God’s word? What are some verses or passages from the Bible that are particularly sweet for you?
  
3. Brandon explained that the bitterness of the scroll comes from the resistance that those around us have to the gospel. What’s an example of this kind of bitterness that you’ve experienced?

1. The bitterness of the scroll also comes from the cost of following Jesus that we experience as Christians. Take some time in your group to honestly answer the following questions that Brandon mentioned - *Are you willing to leave your home and lose the blessing of your parents for Jesus? Are you willing to lose your job for Jesus? Are you willing to forgive those who persecute you and share Jesus with them? Are you willing to sacrificially make an offering to God for Jesus? Are you willing to be beaten for your faith? Are you willing to go to prison for Jesus? Are you willing to die for Jesus?*

#### **Part 4: Summarize the Message**

How would you summarize the sermon to someone who has never heard it? What are your two or three key takeaways from the message and your discussion?

How does this sermon change your perspective on God? Your own heart? And/or, how to follow Jesus?