

Sermon Discussion Guide

Revelation: The Wrath of God Revelation 16:1-21 October 10 & 11, 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. Ray said that if our hope is in this world, if we've hitched our wagon to this world, then we are in trouble. In what ways is this true?
- 2. If the hope of the world is a relationship with God, how so?

God's Wrath: An Extraordinary <u>Kindness</u>

- 1. How is it that this glimpse of God's wrath is actually an act of his kindness? What is the response God wants from us in light of this glimpse of his future wrath?
- 2. What did Ray mean when he said, "God doesn't have to send anyone to hell, they go there on their own." What does this mean for *Aunt Edna* in the story?

- 3. Have you said, "yes" to God? Why did you say "yes" to him? What makes a relationship with him so lovely?
- 4. What do you think is keeping your neighbors, family, friends and coworkers from saying "yes" to God?

God's Wrath: The Hope of <u>All Wrongs Righted</u>

- 1. What does it mean that God's wrath is actually an expression of his love?
- 2. What parts of your story and the brokenness of this world do you long for God to make right?
- 3. Discuss what Ray meant when he said that God's work to make things right means that we can bravely walk into the darkness of this world.

God's Wrath: The Wonder of <u>Sacrificial Love</u>

- 1. The climax of this passage are the words, "It is done!" What's so exciting about these words.
- 2. What does Jesus' sacrificial love mean to you? What sin(s) are you thankful that Jesus paid for?

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?