



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

Revelation: The Final Judgement  
Revelation 20:11-15; Daniel 7:9-10; Matthew 25:31-46  
November 28 & 29, 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. This weekend is the beginning of the Advent Season—the period leading up to Christmas where we long for and rejoice in Jesus' first coming *and* anticipate his second coming. What are some of the ways you and your family normally celebrate the Advent Season? Do you have any new plans for this year?
2. Brandon asked us a pointed question in the beginning of the sermon: "Are you ready to die? Are you ready to face God in judgment?" Take a few moments and reflect on your answer to this question. If you feel comfortable, discuss your answer with the group.

*The Final Judgment: The Glory of His Justice.*

1. Ecclesiasts 8:14 says, "There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this is also vanity." Have you witnessed this phenomenon in your own life?
2. How is God's judgment "good news"?
3. For thousands of years, people have struggled to reconcile God's goodness and sovereignty with the existence of evil in the world. Based on this week's sermon, how would you respond to someone wrestling with God's goodness or existence because of the existence of evil?
3. Scripture promises us that there will be a final reckoning for evil. How does believing this impact how we live? How does it transform the way we respond to those who have mistreated us?

*The Final Judgment: The Glory of His Grace.*

1. "Without justice, grace becomes meaningless." Why is God's justice a necessary part of grace?
2. "Hell is voluntary, because grace is free." What did Brandon mean by this? Do you normally think of hell as a choice? How, if at all, has your thinking changed after this sermon?

*The Final Judgment: The Glory of Our Future.*

1. If we die before Jesus returns, we undergo a temporary judgment, and our souls are sent to heaven or hell. But heaven is not the final resting place of the believer—our ultimate destiny is to live in the new heavens and the new earth, in resurrected bodies. Does this teaching differ from what you've previously been taught about life after death? If so, how?
  
2. Every time Adam Jones preaches a sermon, he includes a version of the following:

“Jesus, unlike the founder of any other major faith, holds out hope for extraordinary human life. Our future is not some ethereal, impersonal form of consciousness. We will not have an abstract spiritual existence as a kind of compensation for the life we lost. We will not float around through the air playing a harp—no. We will eat, embrace, sing, laugh, dance, run in the woods, and splash in the lake in the Kingdom of God to a degree of power, glory, and joy we can't even begin to imagine. Resurrection means the restoration to us of the life we lost. New heavens and new earth means this body, this world! Our bodies, our homes, our loved ones—restored, returned, perfected and beautified! Given back to us!”

Take a moment and reflect on this quote. Is this normally how you think about your future? What are you most looking forward to about life in the new heavens and the new earth?

**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?