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SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.1.26

Revelation 7 // Joe Valenti

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

1. When have you seen God's goodness on display in an interaction you had with a place that was different than your home or a person that was different than you geographically, linguistically, or culturally?

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min):

HERE is the Sermon Recap video playlist on Vimeo.

Study & Discussion (25 min)

Read Revelation 7

2. In the Bible Project video on Revelation (Part 1) (see link in resources tab below), the creators of the video write that in Revelation 7, "John is seeing the messianic army of God's Kingdom. It's made up of people from all over the world, fulfilling God's ancient promise to Abraham. This multiethnic army of the lamb can stand before God because they've all been redeemed by his blood. They are called forth to conquer not by killing their enemies but by suffering and bearing witness like the lamb." On Sunday, Joe stated this similarly: In Revelation 6, the world hides from the wrath of the Lamb and asks, "Who can stand?" Revelation 7 answers: a multitude from every nation, standing before the throne, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

   a. Take a moment to think about this picture. In Revelation 7, God's people are sealed by God in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. It is because of Jesus that we can know God. How is this good news for us today as Christians, and how can we be bold in sharing this good news with those around us and those across the world?

   b. This passage really showcases a picture of reality - this is what is most real: God, redeeming His people, who are freed from sin and freed to worship Him forever. Why do you think it can be so difficult to remember that is this picture of reality, not our day to day worries or even our time spent on this earth, that is the most enduring picture of reality both now and then?



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3. In the sermon notes from Sunday, Joe wrote the following about what it is that makes us right before God and saves us from sin:
   - Not good behavior: no one earns a passing grade with God.
   - Not religious heritage: no family, tribe, or ancestry seals anyone.
   - Not good deeds: no one can do enough good to outweigh the bad.
   - Only the Lamb: salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb (v. 10).

   a. Think back to when you first came to know Jesus as forgiver and leader. Which one of these on the "not" list have you ever been tempted to believe helped save you, either at the beginning of your walk with Jesus, or maybe even now?

   b. What has helped you grow in understanding that it is ONLY the lamb who cleans our robes, pays the penalty for our sin, and makes a way for us to be in relationship with God?

   c. Where do you still have room to grow in understanding that it is "Christ alone" in which and by which our hope is found?

4. Read Romans 10:14-15. How do you think the Lord is calling you today to participate in the kind of going and preaching of the good news that this passage is talking about? How might the Lord be calling you to equip and encourage others in stepping out into this same call?



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RESOURCES

- The Bible Project Revelation Video and Transcript (Part 1): https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-revelation/
- CVC Govember page: https://cvconline.org/events/govember/

PRAY AND APPLY

- Pray that every person at CVC would know whether they truly belong to God, and that those who attend church but have never trusted Jesus would come to the Lamb.
- Pray for anyone trusting in family heritage, church attendance, or good deeds, that they would trust the blood of the Lamb alone.
- Pray for those walking through tribulation right now (a diagnosis, a broken marriage, a prodigal child, a grief that won't lift), that the Shepherd would hold them and lead them home.
- Pray that CVC would engage this November ready to pray, give, and go, so that our neighbors, our city, and the nations hear about the Lamb.
- Pray for the Banjar people of Indonesia, that God would send workers, open hearts, and raise up churches among them.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to share
these announcements with your group.

INVITE

Night of Prayer and Worship - November 4

Join us for a night of corporate prayer and worship to close our season of prayer and fasting. Childcare will be available. 6:30 pm in the Worship Center.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Baptisms - November 15

Click here to learn more about baptism and apply for upcoming opportunities. Baptism dates will be available for registration until two weeks before the scheduled baptism. At that point, the date will be removed from the registration form. Please submit your baptism registration no later than two weeks before the baptism date so we have enough time to prepare and make the necessary arrangements.

CVC YOUTH

High School Fall Retreat - November 20-22

For students currently in HIGH SCHOOL (9th-12th grades). Location: Camp Christopher 1930 N Hametown Rd Akron OH 44333. Find out more HERE!

CVC YOUNG ADULTS

Thanksgiving Potluck - November 20

Join us for our Thanksgiving Potluck filled with good food, games and even better company. Bring a dish to share, invite a friend, and come ready to celebrate this season of gratitude. Whether you're new or have been around for a while, there's a seat at the table for you! Sign up HERE. Nov 20th 6:00-9:00PM. Furnace Run Lodge, Richfield, OH