

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

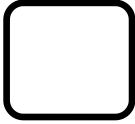
Our Celebration of Unity A Study of Revelation 7

In Revelation 6, the Apostle John saw visions of **war** (6:3-4), **famine** (6:5-6), **pandemics** (6:7-8), **persecution** (6:9-11) and **judgment** (6:12-17). Quickly read over Revelation 6 and write the bolded words in your Bible at the appropriate verses.

Jesus' goal in these visions is not to terrify us, but to prepare us for difficult days of sickness and unemployment and uncertainty. Notice that he began with a vision of gospel conquest (6:1-2). In spite of everything, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

In Revelation 7, we see the dispersion of the Tower of Babel will be reversed in the resurrection at the end of the world.

1. **Read Revelation 7:1-8.** Even though difficult days are coming on the earth, "the Lord knows those who are his" (2 Timothy 2:19). How does it comfort you in the midst of this pandemic to know that the Lord has marked you as his own child?
2. **Read Revelation 7:9-10.** The rebellion at the Tower of Babel brought division into this world. At the resurrection, we shall see that division reversed. How does this vision help you as you think about, and discuss with others, the issue of racial inequality in our nation?
3. **Read Revelation 7:11-12.** On communion Sundays, the sentences leading into communion announce that we join with the angels in praising God. How would worship be different for you if you could actually see the angels joining in our praise?
4. **Read Revelation 7:13-14.** How could you use these verses to comfort someone who is filled with anxiety because of the fear of death?
5. **Read Revelation 7:15-17.** What do you think will be the best part of our "Celebration of Unity" before the throne of God?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

The Tower of Babel? Really?

Genesis 11:1-9

1. The frightening power of unity (Genesis 11:1-4)

- A. What is missing in verses 1-4?
- B. The human heart makes unity frightening (Genesis 8:21).
- C. Examples today: protests, government branches, social pressure changing our values.

2. The gracious power of unity (Genesis 11:5-9)

- A. Listen in on a divine conversation (Genesis 1:26).
- B. Notice the Name of independent and unchanging love.
- C. Trust the plan of the LORD (Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:22-23).

3. The saving power of unity (Genesis 12:3)

- A. Unity among the “clans” (Genesis 10:5,20,31 & Genesis 12:3).
- B. Unity is a miracle of the Divine Unity (Ephesians 2:22).
- C. Live the saving power of unity (1 Corinthians 9:19-22).

Our Mission: By every possible means we bring every person within our area of influence closer to Christ.

Our Celebration: Revelation 7:9-10

My Next Steps

Dig Deeper: Learn more about how worldviews shape our approach to difficult questions about the ancient world. Read *Creation & Evolution: Compatible or in Conflict?* by Jay Seegert or watch his presentation at AwakeAlive.com/June-Ultimate-Authority.

Shape Your Worldview: How do you see that the impossible is possible with God? Only by allowing the Holy Spirit to shape your worldview. Begin a pattern of daily Bible reading, using Pastor Pete’s daily readings or your own. Email him at ppanitzke@stpmuskego.org.