

Key Scriptures: Revelation 6:1-8:5

Key Verses

"When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been."

Revelation 6:9-11

Background

Background info/review:

Revelation 4 – God is on the throne being worshipped by all of creation

Revelation 5 – Jesus, the lamb who was slain, is in the middle of the throne

Revelation 6 – the call by all creation for Jesus to "come" and establish His kingdom

The seals signify ownership. Only Jesus is worthy and able to unfold the history books.

Jesus IS coming. It's not that He will come someday but He is on His way.

The coming of Jesus has cosmic impact (Rom. 8:18-26).

As disciples pray "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven" and live out the kingdom of Jesus, there will be a clash of two kingdoms.

In this text there is a cosmic battle happening on the earth brought on by the lamb (Jesus) mentioned in Revelation 5.

Find a conversation starter.

- This passage highlights a battle between God's kingdom and the kingdoms of this world (Including Satan). In what areas of your life are you experiencing a clash of two kingdoms? Where is the battle?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- How might this spiritual battle in Revelation be an encouragement to you?
- Are there areas of your life that need to be realigned with Jesus, the lamb?

Choose a question to create openness.

- In what ways can you support one another in the face of evil and distress, even being willing to suffer as we wait for Jesus to fully establish His kingdom one day?

Pray Boldly

Though I walk in the flesh, I do not war according to the flesh. The weapons of my warfare are not fleshly, but divinely powerful to overthrow strongholds, casting down arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

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- Consider how you could love others by serving at Westwood or in our community.