

Discussion Questions:

1. What emotions or thoughts come to mind when you hear the word “Revelation”? How have your previous experiences shaped your understanding of the book?
2. The sermon mentions five “bad game plans” for reading Revelation. Which of these misunderstandings have you encountered before, and how have they influenced your view of the book?
3. Revelation 4-5 presents a throne room filled with worship before any of the dramatic visions occur. Why do you think worship is central to the book of Revelation?
4. Billy describes Revelation as “resistance literature.” How does this change the way you view the images of beasts, Babylon, and judgment in the book?
5. Many people read Revelation as an “escape plan” rather than as a vision of new creation. How does understanding the New Jerusalem as coming down to earth (Rev. 21-22) change the way we live out our faith today?
6. Billy challenged us to ask, “How does the beastly system show up in our world?” What are some modern examples of systems that oppose God’s kingdom, and how can we resist them faithfully?
7. Revelation was written to encourage the early church to endure persecution and stay faithful. In what ways do we face challenges to faithfulness today, and how can Revelation encourage us?
8. Billy suggests that instead of obsessing over future timelines, we should focus on faithfulness in the present. What practical steps can you take this week to grow in faithfulness to Christ?
9. If Revelation is the Bible’s grand finale, how does seeing it in connection with the Old Testament (e.g., Daniel’s beasts, Exodus plagues, Isaiah’s new creation) help us better understand its message?
10. This week’s call to action was to read Revelation 4-5 and focus on worship. As you read these chapters, what stands out to you about the scene in heaven? How does it inspire your own worship and endurance?