

life group study guide

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Revelation

Chapter 16

Revelation 16 contains some strange and difficult apocalyptic imagery. We will do our best to summarize and focus today's discussion around this images while leaving the "heavy lifting" of the historic and prophetic explanations to our pastor.

READ: Revelation 16

The Bible shows us a Holy and Loving God. Without His holiness, there would be no need for grace. Everything God has done pushes us toward the free gift of life in Jesus Christ, but in this chapter we see a Holy God's outpouring of wrath against sin as time has run out.

SUMMARIZE: Create a chart for the 7 bowls of God's wrath in Chapter 16

<u>Bowl</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Poured Where?</u>	<u>The Judgment?</u>
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Q: In verse 7, the angels say "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgments are true and just." Why is God right in judging the sin of man?

Q: The message of the Gospel *must* contain both God's Law (holiness) and God's grace (gift). We tend to accentuate one or the other – emphasize one to the lessening of the other. Why do you think that is?

THINK: If God is not holy, why would we need grace? If God is not loving, how would we ever bridge the impossible gap between our brokenness and His perfection?

Q: Why is God's grace and love dependent on God's holiness?

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In this chapter we see mankind completely crushed under the judgment of a Holy God, yet even in their anguish and suffering we see again and again “they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God” (v. 11).



Q: Why do you think some people turn *toward* God in hard times while others turn away?

Q: Have you ever experienced a season where hard times have driven you away from God instead of toward Him?

Q: From your knowledge of the Bible, how did the following people respond differently to the conviction of sin in their lives?

- Cain
- David
- Judas
- Peter

Q: The fifth bowl of wrath has a parallel in Exodus 10:21 where God had Moses curse Egypt with darkness that “could be felt.” Share any experience you may have had in “feeling” darkness.

Q: In reading the heavy and tragic events of the last days, we might overlook our own spiritual needs. What is the warning of verse 15? What does that mean to you?

Q: How does chapter 16 impact the way we see the world around us? How do we view those around us without Christ? What should we do about it?

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