

## Sermon Discussion Guide

Encounters with Jesus: Rider on a White Horse  
Revelation 19:11-21  
May 23 & 24, 2020

*This discussion guide is written in three sections. The first is for private/individual reflection. The second is for couples or for small groups who may be meeting via video or phone. The third contains questions for family discussion. As many of you are sheltering in place, we encourage you to continue to read the passage and study it throughout the week. This way you can meditate on new truths each day and discover new things God might teach you in his word.*

### **Section 1: Individual Reflection**

1. The story of the rider on the white horse is meant to give us hope as we encountered and experience the evil of this world? List some of the evils of the world that you're particularly struck or impacted by.
  
2. The story illustrates how Jesus encounters evil - he'll match it with the "sword of the wrath of God." How does it change your perspective knowing that God will not allow evil to go unpunished?
  
3. God's wrath is directly caused by his characteristic of justice. His justice is what leads him to make all things new. Thinking back on your list from Question #1 - reflect on what God's justice of making all things new look like for these things?

4. Consider how this sermon affects our head, heart and hands. What does the passage teach us - what knowledge/information do we gain from this passage (head)? What does this passage show us about our sinfulness and how our affections need to be changed by the gospel (heart)? How should this passage change our actions - what do we need to do or think in our everyday life because of these truths (hands)?

### **Section 2: Couple/Small Group Discussion**

1. What portions of the sermon were most significant and helpful to you? Summarize some of your answers from the previous section.
2. Has there been a time in your life when you've said, "I'm a pretty good person" and you've disregarded God's wrath? What changed your perspective?
3. Ray said that, actually, God's wrath shows us the depth of his love in that Jesus received the punishment of his anger on our behalf. Discuss the beauty of that news.
4. An encounter with God is not meant to be some neat, tidy, historical, isolated anomaly in our lives. It is meant to be an encounter that is certain, ongoing, spiritual and deeply important. What are some ways that the "Encounters with Jesus" sermon series has taught you this and how are you experiencing this kind of relationship with God in your daily life?

### **Section 3: Family Discussion**

1. Share with your kids your reflections from Sections 1 and 2. Ask them to share some of their highlights from the sermon and see if they can summarize the message.
2. Discuss with your kids their understanding about God being wrathful. There's a good chance this idea is unsettling to them. Ask them what they think about it and help them to understand God's wrath as it relates to his righteousness and justice.
3. Discuss with your kids your answer to Section 1, Question #3. Ask your kids about what in their lives they're looking forward to God making new.