

Sermon Discussion Guide

Revelation: The Harvest

Revelation 14:14-20, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

September 13, 2020

Part 1: Pray

Every time we study God's word, we should ask God to use the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, teach us and mold us into who he created us to be. Ask God to reveal his truth to transform you through your discussion time.

Part 2: Read the Text

Read the passage(s) from the sermon. Keep a focus on key words, repeated phrases or major themes.

Part 3: Reflect on the Sermon

How Can This Be?

1. Have you ever looked at the world or the church and asked God, "How can this be? God, I thought you were good." What were the circumstances of the times when you felt this way?
2. Have you wrestled with the problem of evil in your own heart? Discuss the quote Brandon shared about how we'd lose friendships, our marriage and more if others could see the thoughts running through our heart throughout each day. What would that experience of other seeing your thoughts be like for you?
3. What are some common responses to evil in our culture? How do your non-believing friends and family handle/reconcile evil?

What Should We Do?

1. What does it mean to live today in the reality of promised redemption while evil is still very present in our world?
2. Brandon emphasized that we must tell others, with urgency, what Jesus will do with those who have embraced him and those who have not. Are you telling others? What's so urgent about telling others?
3. What is your practice of spiritual self-examination like? Do you examine your heart regularly? If not, why?
4. Our self examination should lead us to greater holiness. Another way to understand this is that we should live as if Jesus may return at any moment. Are you living that way? What might Jesus say about your holiness if he returned in the very hour that you are discussing this sermon? Would he see the fruit of holiness in your life?
5. Would you describe yourself as someone who trusts God? Would others that know you well say that you trust God?
6. Why is it so vital that God be a god of wrath? How do God's wrath and love go together?

Part 4: Summarize the Message

How would you summarize the sermon to someone who has never heard it? What are your two or three key takeaways from the message and your discussion?

How does this sermon change your perspective on God? Your own heart? And/or, how to follow Jesus?