

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

The Angel and the Little Scroll

Revelation 10:1-11

"I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; ² and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; ³ and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. ⁴ When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them.' ⁵ Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, ⁶ and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer, ⁷ but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. ⁸ "Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, 'Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.' ⁹ So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, 'Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.' ¹⁰ I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ And they said to me, 'You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.'"

OPEN:

1. What is your favorite series of books or movies? Why?
2. Is there something in your life where you decided to give up, and later on, wish you didn't? Is there a time when you stuck something out only to realize you should not have?

DIG:

1. Who is the strong angel wearing a cloud for a robe? What's the significance of the rainbow and the face like the sun?
2. What is meant by "there will be delay no longer"? What is the mystery of God?
(See 1 Corinthians 2:1, Colossians 2:2, Revelation 10:7.)

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3. What happens to the small scroll?
4. What is the sweet taste of the little scroll referring to? The bitter taste? (See Ezekiel 2-3 and Psalm 119:103.)

REFLECT:

1. When you completed reading the Bible for the first time, did you come to the understanding that it was one story from Genesis to Revelation?
2. Has anything in the book of Revelation thus far revealed to you the urgency in sharing your story to your family, friends, and acquaintances? Have you taken action?
3. How has God led you into a project that you probably wouldn't have selected for yourself?
4. Look up the lyrics to the hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross* by George Bennard. Have someone read the lyrics out loud to the group or listen to a version of the song on Youtube. Reflect on the song's message. What images come to mind and does this motivate you to share your story?

5 MARKS FOCUS: SHARING YOUR STORY

Pray for opportunities this week to share what Christ has done in your own life with friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. You can also invite them to church this weekend.