

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

For a Thousand Years

Revelation 20:1-6

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. ⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

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OPEN:

1. Have you had a book or movie ruined for you because you saw a review with spoilers in it?
2. What does a perfect day look like to you?

DIG:

1. We have another angel coming down from heaven. Where is he headed? Where is the dragon? Why are such extraordinary measures taken?
2. Where does this millennium take place? Where’s the King at this point?
3. Where are the thrones referred to in verse 4? Who is sitting on them?
4. While there will be a great multitude from every tribe and tongue and people and nation who come out of the tribulation, who is the primary focus on? What about the believers?

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5. Verse 4 ends with “and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” Who are they reigning over?
6. The rest of the dead have to wait until the thousand years have ended. Who are the rest of the dead?

REFLECT:

1. Following the return of the King and the defeat of His enemies in battle, namely the beast and the false prophet and their armies, an angel with a great chain binds the dragon, throws him into the abyss and then shuts and locks it over him, so that he will not deceive the nations any longer for a thousand years. Meanwhile, the overcomers are resurrected and serve as priests of God and of Christ, reigning with Him for a thousand years.

While the details of how all of that works out are sometimes hotly debated, the end result is still the same. Jesus wins. And you will either kneel before Jesus as King or cower before Him as Judge. You are either for Him or against Him...life or death, blessing or curse. The choice is yours. So why not choose life? How does this impact the way you live your life right now?

2. Has our study in the book of Revelation changed your approach in sharing your story?

5 MARKS FOCUS: SHARE YOUR STORY

If you've been hesitant to share your story with someone, challenge yourself to do so. In our trying times, that person desperately needs the hope of Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share with that person and for God to give you the words when the opportunity arises.