

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: AI: Apocalyptic Insight

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Memory Verse: Revelation 4:11 NIV

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word with the goal of leading to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: The Beast demands allegiance & worship, but can't bring righteousness & peace.

Read Revelation 13

- This chapter portrays a very dark time with Satan and his minions conquering the world. Satan is very active and present in the world today. As you think globally, how do you see him at work? Are there things locally that burden your heart? What tactics does Satan use to trick people into following him?
- Before we investigate who Satan is, it is first important to know who God is. How does a deep understanding of God's nature and His love for us help in avoiding the snares of Satan? What resources exist to help us learn more about God? How can we help one another on our journey of scriptural knowledge and spiritual transformation?
- What two questions will people use to justify the worship of the beast (see 13:4)? What kind of worldview is someone looking through when asking those questions? What does it mean to you to hold a Christian worldview? What are some appropriate questions to ask when deciding if someone deserves your worship?
- Define the word “blasphemy.” On which two areas did the beast focus his blasphemies on? Do you know anyone who is far from God or is actively standing



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against Him? If not, what is an intentional step you can take to expand your influence for Christ? If so, what conversations or interactions have you had with someone who is far from God and what was it like sharing personally about Christ?

- The second beast has an appearance like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon. In what ways can Satan's influence or temptations be subtle and deceptive, making them appear attractive and harmless at first glance? Can you think of contemporary issues or challenges where the "wolf in sheep's clothing" analogy applies, and how can Christians navigate these situations?
- What clear violation of God's commands do we see in Revelation 13:14? In what ways can idolatry manifest in our lives today, even if we don't worship physical idols like ancient cultures did? Are there any idols you believe you are struggling with? What are some practical steps Christians can take to guard against idolatry and maintain a strong faith in God?
- We see the beast performing great signs. If you were wanting someone to verify they are a prophet or direct messenger of God, how would you ask them to prove their claim? Why should the presence of miracles and great signs not be the only reason for giving something or someone worship? Where else in the Bible do we see signs performed that are not from God? (Exodus 7:10-12; 8:5-7 ; Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:9).
- Is your name written in the book of life? Using a percentage scale (0-100%) how confident are you that your name is written in the book of life? If you are 100% certain you are going to be in Heaven, what gives you that assurance? Do you feel uneasy about expressing confidence in God's favor towards you? If you lack certainty about your salvation, what do you think the root of that concern is?
- The mark of the beast is associated with buying and selling. Do you think that the concept of the mark of the beast can serve as a metaphor for broader issues such as conformity, allegiance, and personal integrity? Will believers have a choice on whether to accept this mark or not? How do you experience spiritual warfare in your life?



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