

Sermon Discussion Guide:

In the Meantime

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Scripture: **Revelation 22:6-21**

OVERVIEW

In order for riddles to work you must not share the answer. You give all the clues and the other person has to figure it out for themselves. Often we treat the Gospel like a riddle, keeping the answer to ourselves, but **God's revelation was given to us to share with others**. Revelation was written to encourage and strengthen Christians going through tribulation.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Isaiah 11:1,10; Numbers 24:17; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:9; Isaiah 55:1; John 7:37-38; Matthew 28:18-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The book of Revelation calls us to six points of action:

1. **Be prepared** - What are ways that we can prepare for the life God has laid out for us? (2 Tim 3:16-17) In what ways can we be prepared for trials, tribulations, and temptations that we encounter? How does the study of God's Word with God's people prepare us for prosecution and for proclamation?
2. **Respond to God in faith** (Repentance and obedience) - Read verse 7. What does it mean for us to be blessed if we are not able to earn God's favor? Why do some recoil at the notion of "obedience"? In what ways has the call to obedience been abused? What are some of the benefits of obedience?
3. **Be moved to worship God** - We will never be moved to worship God if we separate ourselves from His revelation. How are you personally driven to worship by reading this book? How has this worship translated into affection?
4. **Share the book** - What are ways we stop short of sharing? (Knowing how to interpret, busy, fear of rejection) Interpreting should lead to proclamation. How can we be encouraging one another to share the Gospel? How has the book of Revelation encouraged you to be more bold in sharing the Gospel?
5. **Warn others of judgment** - Why do we avoid warning others of judgment? How does warning of the justified impending judgement of God highlight even more the grace/forgiveness of God?
6. **Wait for redemption** - How do the means of grace assist us as we wait? Waiting does not mean sitting back. As we wait, we are called to a sense of urgency, knowing what lies ahead. How has this urgency motivated you to proclaim the Gospel?