

Sermon Questions

Revelation 18

This week we discussed what will happen at the end of this age. Movies, media, magazines and ministries highlight all sorts of ways that events will occur; however, the Bible is the only reliable source. The sudden halt to the economy and commerce will be devastating for those who have built their lives upon the sand rather than on the Word of God. Hearing messages like this should encourage the believer to flee from a lifestyle of sin and live holy, righteous and upright lives that honor the Lord. May God be gracious to you as you continue to journey with Him.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The End of the World as We Know It

Revelation 18

The world as we know it will...

Come crashing down (1-3)

Not escape the punishment for her sins (4-8)

Weep and mourn at their great losses (9-19)

End with justice as the righteous rejoice (20-24)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. How quickly will our current world's system end? What will be the state of the world at the time of the end? How immoral will this world have become? Will there be any fix to world once it has fallen?
2. How does our world's system seek upward mobility? How did Jesus Christ model a different kind of mobility? Why should we seek to be downwardly mobile?
3. What does it mean to NOT conform to this world? (see Romans 12:2) What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? What are patterns you see in this world lived out by people? How might God want you to live differently?

4. What does it mean to be humble and holy? Are those requirements for believers? What did John the Baptist mean when he declared about Christ, "He must increase, but I must decrease?" How can you cause God to increase in your life? How must you personally decrease in your life? Why is this a challenge? Where do you need encouragement and prayer?
5. Knowing that this world will not escape punishment for her sins, how should you live now? What does it mean to be in the world but not of the world? Where in your life do you still intermingle with unbelievers? Where is God calling you to separate from unbelievers?
6. How is God going to pay back the sins of those who lived for this world? Why does God pay back double? Is God just in His punishment of sinners?
7. Are we called to live independent or dependent? How can you grow in your dependence upon the Lord right now? In what area are you trying to live your life apart from God? What changes do you need to make?
8. Who does God oppose? To whom does God dispense grace? Why is humility a requirement for seeing God's best? How important is it to be humble about your strengths and your weaknesses? Why did God give you your strengths? Why did God give you your weaknesses?
9. What will the response be for those who lived for this world when it's all over? Why will they lament and mourn? What will it profit you to live for this world and then forfeit your soul? What changes do you need to make to ensure you are building your life upon the rock of Jesus Christ?
10. Is wealth a problem? What does Pastor Jeff mean when he says, "It's not how much wealth you have, it's how much wealth has you?" Since all of us, as Americans, are rich what should our response be to wealth? What does it mean to be generous? What does it mean to be content? How can generosity and contentment keep you from being caught in the snare of materialism and hedonism? What changes do you need to make in your life right now in this area?
11. Why will we, as believers, rejoice in God's justice? Why will the prophets, apostles and saints rejoice at God's actions towards the wicked?
12. What is a saint? Are you a saint? How do you know? What is the benefit of being a saint?
13. What about the teaching of Revelation 18 was most relevant in your life? What is God asking you to apply to your life today? How can your small group help you with these actions?