

Session 6: Your Family in Faith

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CONNECT

Get the session started by choosing one or both of the following questions to discuss together as a group:

- What is something that stands out to you from last week's personal study that you would like to share with the group?

OR

- Who is your most famous ancestor? How did you learn about that person?

WATCH

Watch Session 6: *Your Family in Faith* (20 minutes).

Now discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. John presents us with a picture of God's faithful followers worshiping before His throne before giving us another depiction of God's wrath. Why would this have been important for John's readers? How does this scene before God's throne shape our view of what follows?

2. Ask someone in the group to read 1 John 3:16–24. According to this passage, what are some of the common family traits that followers of Jesus share? How do we recognize that we are in the same family of faith?

3. The first two angels that John sees in Revelation 14:6–8 announce the message of the gospel to the world and proclaim the fall of “Babylon the Great.” How does this encourage you to remain faithful and patient as you share the good news with those around you?

4. Ask someone to read Luke 10:1–2. In light of Jesus' statement, what stands out to you about John's description of the two harvests in Revelation 14:14–20? Why?

5. Jesus said of His followers that they “are not of the world” (John 17:16). In other words, their loyalties are to God and not to Satan, “the god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4). What does John reveal in Revelation 16 happens to those who fail to make this distinction? How do the bowl judgments represent God giving people exactly what they want?

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Evangelism is a topic that evokes guilt in many believers. We all know we should be doing more to share the gospel with those who do not know Christ. However, rather than feeling guilty—as if sharing the gospel is a tedious obligation—we discover a more urgent motive in Revelation 14–16. We are to save those who are ripe for harvest from God’s wrath! Take a few minutes on your own to think about how you communicate the gospel on a daily basis through your words, attitudes, and actions. Use the questions below to help guide you in this reflection.

Who was the person (or persons) who shared the gospel with you and/or led you to the Lord? How did they convey a sense of God's love and grace by the way they related to you?

What are some ways that you connect with unbelievers before directly sharing the gospel with them? Why is relationship so important when it comes to sharing the message of Christ?

Is there any person on your heart who does not know Christ? In addition to praying for that person, what can you do to show him or her the love and grace of Jesus?

End your time by praying together as a group. As you pray, ask God to give you an urgent sense of compassion for the lost as well as persistence in your relationships with those who do not know Him. Ask if anyone has prayer requests, and then write down those requests so that you and your fellow group members can continue to pray about them in the coming weeks.

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