

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
Where are We On God's Timetable?
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Small Group Study for Week of July 10-16

The Big Idea

We are living in the last days when the gospel is to go to all the world, starting with next door. This message to the world called the Three Angels Messages are especially relevant to those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

Group Reads Matthew 24:1-14 page 677,8

Questions

1. What are the signs mentioned in this passage that point to the second coming of Christ?
2. How many of these signs have been fulfilled?
3. What are the signs that are to increase in intensity? If there are none, why do you think some people seem to emphasize increasing intensity of such signs as earthquakes, famines etc?
4. How do you keep the intensity and focus on the soon coming of Christ and yet not get involved in sensationalism, crying wolf?

Group Reads Revelation 14:6-13 page 849

Comment: The Three Angels Messages are three messages that the last church are to give to the world just before Christ Comes. Compare Matthew 24:14 page 678 and Revelation 14:6 page 849.

5. What are the characteristics of the church that is to give the Three Angels Messages? See Revelation 12:17 page 848 and Revelation 14:12 page 849
6. What is significant that first and foremost in the Three Angels Messages is the gospel?
7. According to Revelation 14:7 page 49 what does the gospel involve? Describe each part of the gospel mentioned here?
8. How should we live out each part of the gospel described here?
9. Why is each element of the gospel particularly relevant in a time of judgement?

Group Reads Revelation 14:8 page 849

Comment: Babylon represents false religion and false worship as well as religious systems that have and will try to control us.

10. What did Babylon mean to the Jewish people?
11. Which impacts your life more right now in your day to day life: wrong or not enough emphasis on true worship and commitment to God or a system of religion trying to control you?
12. Why do we seem to emphasize a concern for a system of religion, say the Catholics, rather than our own tendency not to serve God with full commitment?

Group Reads Revelation 14:9-13 page 949

Comment: Followers of the beast receive a mark on the forehead or the hand.

Those who follow God receive a seal on their foreheads (see Revelation 9:4 page 846)

Satan is happy for people to serve him through choice (forehead) of force (hand.)

God only wants people to serve Him through choice (forehead.)

13. What does the fact that God only wants us to serve Him through choice while the devil doesn't care if it is choice or force tell you about God and how the world operates?

14. The gospel going to all the world in Matthew 24:14 page 678 and God giving the gospel in the Three Angels Messages in the last days tells us what, about our mission as individuals and as CCCC?

Further if you have time or inclination

15. What do you understand by Revelation 14:11? How does Genesis 19:24,28 page 12 and Jude 7 page 841 help?