

PEACE & PROPAGANDA- REVELATION 14-18 / AUGUST 31

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

The sermon passage spans Revelation 14–18. Read Revelation 18:1–8, which summarizes key themes in these chapters. After reading, pray for God to open our hearts to discuss and apply these truths.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “All of history is a conflict between the Babylon and the New Jerusalem, but one of them is fake, just a facade, and John doesn’t want you to get taken in as you pass through this sonic battlefield we call life on earth.”
- “Wrath is not the opposite of love—wrath is love’s demand for justice. Without wrath, love is just apathy.”
- “Sin is first and foremost spiritual adultery, replacing our Creator with something else, and in the context of a life doing that, it’s hard to call any of our other good deeds truly good. The heart of Babylon, the City of Man, is self-worship instead of God-worship.”
- “We live in Babylon like exiles. We make a home here, but always cognizant of the fact that this Babylon is not our true home; it’s not permanent and its promises are illusory. So while we make a home here, we don’t fall for its lies or adopt its values.”

Group Discussion

1. Describe ways you can tell we’re living in Babylon. How do you see that we live in a place that focuses on self-worship instead of God-worship?
2. What does it look like for you to live like an exile? What tempts you to feel like this place is your “true home”?
3. How are you seeking “the welfare of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7), even as you remember you are an exile in it?
4. How do you feel when you read/hear that the “Babylon” we live in today will one day fall? How should that impact the way you engage the people around you?

CHALLENGE

- ☐ This week, look for one person you can warn that the sin that’s so appealing now is only a facade, but the delight of worshiping God will not fall and will last forever.

PRAYER

- ☐ Ask God to show you where you are finding your true home in the City of Man/Babylon.
- ☐ Ask God to show you how to live like an exile who seeks the welfare of the city and looks forward to your true home in the New Jerusalem.
- ☐ Pray for the boldness to call the people in your life out of self-worship to worship God in Christ.