

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 14:14-20 we are shown a vision of the 2 harvests of the final judgement.

- I. The harvest of the righteous includes all of Christ's people (the firstfruits, those He has sealed) and leads to God's blessing and eternal reward (vs. 14-16).
- II. The harvest of the wicked includes all of Christ's enemies (those sealed by the mark of the beast) and leads to God's wrath and eternal punishment (vs. 17-20).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 2, 2018

Passage: Revelation 14:14-20

Memory Passage: Revelation 14:14-15

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:14-20.** To whom does v. 14 refer (cf. Dan. 7:13-14, Matt. 26:64, Rev. 1:13)?
- (b) Does the presence of the “golden crown” confirm or put in doubt your understanding of who this “one like a son of man” is (since “crown” is a different word than “diadems” in 19:12, cf. 6:1-2)? Explain.
- (c) Why does this one have “a sharp sickle” in his hand?
- (d) Why is it important to know that the angel “came out of the temple” with his message (v. 15, cf. Matt. 24:36)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:14-20, Matt. 13:24-40 & 36-43.** Who is being “reaped” in these verses, and how do these verses in Matthew 13 help you answer?
- (b) Explain the connection between Revelation 14:5 & 14:14-16.
- (c) Imagine yourself sitting in one of the 7 churches listening to this letter being read. How would 14:14-16 affect you given what was just read in chapters 12-13 and 14:6-13? What comfort do these verses bring you as you witness/experience the advancement of evil and persecution of God’s people on earth?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:14-20.** Through my questions so far I have led you to a conclusion that vs. 14-16 refer to God harvesting the righteous as His firstfruits. What differences do you see between what is described in 14-16 and 17-20 that would support this conclusion? What similarities and other evidence might support a different conclusion?
- (b) The angel in v. 18 “came out from the altar” and “has authority over the fire.” What does this fact communicate (cf. 8:3-7; 11:5)?
- (c) Why is this harvest of “ripe grapes” while the harvest of vs. 14-16 is of grain (the word for “harvest” in v. 15 is used primarily of a grain harvest, and the Greek in v. 19 simply says “grape/grapevine of the earth”)?
- (d) In what way are the wicked “ripe” and ready to be gathered?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Joel 3:1-16, Rev. 14:10, 14-20, 16:19, 18:4-8, & 19:11-21.** Using these verses, explain “the great winepress of the wrath of God” mentioned in v. 19.
- (b) What city is referred to in v. 20 and why is the winepress “trodden outside the city?”
- (c) What does the number “1,600” symbolize?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 12:1-14:20.** Write a paragraph or two summarizing the story found in these chapters.
- (b) Summarize the main idea of these chapters in one sentence.

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The Harvest is Ripe