

The End – Week 12

Summer Edition

Pray first!

This sermon series will explore the book of Revelation. Revelation is the final chapter of the bible, and it was written by John while he was exiled to the island of Patmos. Christians were facing brutal persecution and torture during this time, especially under emperor Nero.

This week, we will cover Revelation 15-16.

Read Revelation 15-16 together.

Watch the video.

Discussion

- Why do you think human attempts at justice often fail to bring genuine peace to victims and families?
- How does the promise of God's ultimate, perfect justice change the way you view unfairness in the world today?
- In Revelation 16, we see people experiencing undeniable supernatural judgment, yet they choose to curse God rather than repent, like someone who recently encountered a person who *"If Jesus stared them in the face they still wouldn't believe."*
- What does this reveal about the human heart?
- Why is seeing miracles or suffering rarely enough to make someone genuinely surrender to God?
- The sixth bowl describes demonic spirits performing miracles to deceive the rulers of the world and gather them for battle. Revelation calls for "wisdom, patient endurance, and faithfulness" in the face of such deception. What are some of the most subtle cultural deceptions facing believers today, and how do we maintain our spiritual discernment?
- Christ warns that He is coming unexpectedly, "as a thief," echoing the Matthew 25 parable of the bridesmaids who were caught unprepared. Amid the heavy, daily responsibilities of adult life, what does it practically look like to "keep watch" and live with an active expectation of Christ's return?

Human institutions and political systems are fundamentally incapable of fixing the brokenness of our world. Because God is holy, He cannot allow evil to go unpunished. True, restorative justice is coming, but through Jesus Christ, God has mercifully provided a way to escape the wrath our sins deserve. Praise God for such an amazing gift!

Close in Prayer