Small Group Discussion New Beginnings Fellowship

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ: Fixing A Broken World

"'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday **he will return from heaven** in the same way you saw him go!'" Acts 1:11 NLT

"11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. ¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. ¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: "Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. ¹⁸ Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great."

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies." **Revelation 19:11-21 NLT**

Observation: Underline each reference to Christ, including pronouns, etc.

1. What is the greatest indicator to you that this world is broken?

- 2. What did John see in heaven as God gave him this vision? (19:11)
- 3. How did John describe the appearance of the rider? (19:12-13, 16)
- 4. What do the symbols in this passage tell us about Jesus?
- 5. Who followed the rider of the white horse? (19:14)
- 6. What enables us to be "dressed in the finest of pure white linen"? (compare Rev. 3:5; 7:14; 19:8)
- 7. What did John note about the rider's mouth? (19:15)
- 8. How does this snapshot of Christ compare to the typical image most people have of him?
- 9. What message did an angel deliver? How? (19:17-18)
- 10. Who fought against the rider? (19:19)
- 11. What happened to the beast and the false prophet? (19:20)
- 12. How do you interpret the place called "the fiery lake of burning sulfur"? (19:20)
- 13. What happened to the rest of those who followed the beast? (19:21)

Conclusion

Christ fixes broken lives when He is in control. Jesus Christ brings peace and order to lives experiencing turmoil and disorderliness when He is allowed to rule and direct people's lives. *Have you yielded your life to Christ's control?*

Suggested Action Steps: ► Received Christ as your Savior. ► As a Christian, if you have not been living for Christ, rededicate your life to Him. ► Read the book of 2 Thessalonians and think about how Christ will fix the world's brokenness. ► Invite someone to the next Bible study in this series on the End Times. ► Attend the next small group discussion on this topic.