



Small Group Study Guide for November 4, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Celebrating 10 Years in Delta Township, we give thanks to God for the saints who have gone before us, whose legacy of faith we follow. We pray that we might be good stewards of the Gospel that has been entrusted to us, so that the next generation will be able to declare the praises of the Lord. Praise God for the ways that we learn, live, and share Christ together at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School!

Getting Started:

1. Share the first time you came to Our Savior. Was it at the old building or the new? What do you remember about our relocation to Delta Township (if you were here 10 years ago)?
2. Who are some of the people in your past that were real spiritual role models for you? Who are the “saints” that encouraged or influenced your faith in Christ?

In the Word: John 14:1-6

3. Look at the context, and the time in Jesus’ life when Jesus spoke these words. What was happening? Where was he? Why might the disciples’ hearts be troubled? Discuss the context of this passage (you may need to look at the beginning of chapter 13 and 18 for the setting)
4. The King James said, “In my father’s house are many mansions.” And the NIV says, “In my Father’s house are many rooms.” The Greek word just simply means “many places” – a place for us, with Jesus. The emphasis is not on the actual space, but the person we are with that makes it a home. Nevertheless, what kind of place do you think Jesus is preparing for you?
5. What is Jesus’ promise in verse 3?
6. What does Matthew 24:36 say about Jesus’ promise?

7. Why is Jesus' statement in verse 6 so challenging (some people find it offensive) and why is it also so comforting?

Read Revelation 7:9-17

8. What is so significant about the description of those gathered around the throne in verse 9?
9. What are the people gathered around the throne holding in their hands?
10. Those in white robes – how can they make their robes white in the blood (which is red) of the Lamb? What does that symbolism refer to?
11. In a nice twist of phrase, what does the Lamb become in verse 17?
12. What part of this text do you find most meaningful?

Putting it all Together

13. How do the descriptions of heaven given to us in the Bible strengthen us for life today?
14. How can we as a church and school continue to proclaim the message of hope to the next generation?

Prayer: Praise God for the saints who have gone before us, and ask for God to help us continue sharing the Gospel with all nations. Pray for our church and school ministry so that we may boldly and faithfully learn, live and share Christ with the greater Lansing area and beyond.

Next Week: Election Sunday for leaders at Our Savior. We will be looking at the visit of Elijah to the widow at Zarahath, and the ways that God provides for us when we are willing to trust Him.