



Small Group Study Guide for November 6, 2022

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: All Saints Sunday - God has sent His people out with the Holy Spirit into the world to bear Good News. That same Spirit will gather the people of God from the ends of the earth to the heavenly celebration of salvation and eternal life! Then the church on earth (the church militant) will be united with the church in heaven (the church triumphant) in the great gathering.

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. On all saints Day, we remember the saints who have gone before us and are now with the Lord in glory. Whom did you remember or think about on All Saints Day?
2. What are you most looking forward to about heaven?

In the Word: Read Revelation 7:9-17

3. After some disturbing visions of natural disasters and judgement upon the earth, the apostle John is given a glimpse of heaven, and his gaze casts heavenward to the joyful assembly of the saints. List the descriptions of the multitude in verse 9. What does it say about them?
4. What do you think is the significance of the palm branches in their hands?
5. The worshippers acclaim God with seven great attributes in verse 12. List the seven, and discuss how God displays each of them or is worthy of their acclaim.
6. In verse 14, how can blood (which is red) make their robes clean (white)? What is this imagery portraying? (Note: so much of Revelation is imagery that portrays theological significance, as in this instance. When people take the text too literally and without a theological understanding, it can lead to some pretty crazy interpretations!)

Putting it all Together (what we should believe or do as disciples)

7. The saints are worshipping God and the Lamb on the throne in a heavenly chorus. What great songs of worship do you enjoy singing in our services that give you a glimpse of heavenly worship?

8. If the great multitude in heaven is made up of every nation, tribe, people, and language, then what should the attitude and actions of the church today be towards people of every nation, tribe, people, and language? Where do you see this happening and where is it not?

9. How is Jesus both “the Lamb” at the center of the throne also “the shepherd”? verse 17

10. What does it mean to you that God will wipe away every tear from our eyes?

11. What other descriptions of heaven and resurrection life in the Scriptures have been comforting to you?

Take prayer requests from your group.

Prayer: Thank God for the gift of eternal life to all who believe. Ask for His peace and comfort as we mourn those who have already gone to be with Him, as we finish our course on earth and wait to be united in His presence. Pray that more and more people might know God’s gift of salvation through Jesus Christ so that they too might receive eternal life.

Next Week: We look at Christ the Solid Rock who is our sure foundation, our Good Shepherd, and the one who promises to always be with us! To prepare read Psalm 23, Romans 8:31-39, John 10:1-18

Note: It is also New Member Sunday at our 10:30 service, and the Hymn Festival is that afternoon at 3 p.m. You won’t want to miss it!