

Discussion Guide for Revelation 7:9-17

1. Briefly review the sermon outline.

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: God's salvation is active even in hard times. Times of suffering, conflict, and persecution are often used by God to accomplish salvation and sanctification in the hearts of people.

Read Mathew 5:3-12

1. How does 5:10-12 stand out from the rest of the beatitudes?
2. Why do the troubles of persecution actually bring blessing?
3. Share a time that you experienced persecution at some level and experienced blessing.

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

1. How can God use persecution and suffering for the good of His children?
2. What are the promises that help us to press forward in times of persecution or suffering?
3. Share a time that you experienced persecution or suffering that later resulted in your growth and sanctification.

Read Luke 12:8-12

1. How does God want us to feel when we stand up for Him and meet opposition?
2. How does God promise to help us when we stand up for Him?