

11/13 | REVELATION: Pain



*"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from **every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands."*

—Revelation 7:9 | NASB (emphasis added)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Revelation is filled with examples of creatures and angels and people worshiping the LORD (Revelation 4:10, 15:4, etc.). As a group, come up with a definition of worship.
2. How does worship help us encounter the trials of life?
3. The sermon presented counsel for surviving, dealing with pain, and moving forward. One of them was, **"Find your community."** Why do you think community is so important to the believer?
4. Consider the quote on the right. In what ways does the local church help us "bear one another's burdens"?
5. Read Hebrews 10:25 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-21. What advantages of community do you read in these verses?
6. Another counsel was **"Find your purpose in suffering."** In 1 Peter 4:12-16, Christians are told to rejoice in suffering. Why?

*"The church is not meant to be a loosely bound association of functional Lone Rangers. Paul confronts that type of thinking when he writes, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).
—Joseph Scheumann*

Read Romans 8:18. In light of Revelation 7, what does glory have to do with suffering?

Suffering produces hope (Romans 5:3,4). This is the hope of righteousness (Galatians 5:5), and hope of glory (Colossians 1:27), and hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2). How does such hope help you deal with pain to survive today?

7. Another counsel was to “Look at the lamb” (paraphrased). Describe a time when you clearly saw God. Where were you? What were you doing? What helped you see him?

What trials and pain are you facing? How would a clear view of God on His throne help comfort you in those afflictions?

What things help you remember that God is still on His throne?

How does a vision of heaven help you through trials here on earth?

TAKE AWAY:

Find a friend to help identify your first step.