

## Discussion Questions

1. (Revelation 8:7-12) Why do you think the trumpets strike the earth, sea, rivers, and sky rather than immediately striking people? What does this say about the relationship between human sin and creation?
2. (Revelation 8:6-9:19) Why do you think the text repeatedly emphasizes that only a third of creation and humanity is affected? What might this say about judgment and mercy?
3. (Revelation 9:1-11) What details stand out most to you in this description? What do you think the abyss and these creatures represent in contrast to God's kingdom?
4. (Revelation 11) What stands out to you about the mission, suffering, and resurrection of the two witnesses? How do their lives resemble the pattern of Jesus' own death and resurrection?
5. (Revelation 11:3-6) What similarities do you notice between the witnesses and Old Testament prophets like Moses or Elijah? What kind of power is given to them—and what is it used for?

## Sermon Reflection Questions

1. The sermon connected the seventh trumpet to the fulfillment of "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." How does Revelation's fulfillment of the Lord's prayer change the way you hear or pray it? What hopes or fears does it stir in you?
2. The sermon described God's judgment as both heartbreaking and necessary—because it shows that God takes evil seriously.
3. What emotions come up for you when you think about judgment in Revelation? What makes it hard to see judgment as "good news"?
4. Even after suffering and seeing destruction, humanity still does not repent (Rev. 8:6 - 9:21). Why do you think it can be so hard for people—including ourselves—to let go of what is destroying us?
5. Instead of God actively punishing, Revelation suggests God is allowing people to experience the consequences of what they choose. How does this shape your understanding of wrath and God's character?
6. The sermon said, "The witness that wins the world is clothed in repentance." How does repentance play a role in our witness to others? Why might humility be more powerful than arguments or control?