

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.



Sermon Study

Witness
Revelation 11:1-14

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Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.

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*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

How do you react when you hear about Christian martyrs today?

Go
(your group on mission)

Who in your daily life needs to hear you witness about the gospel message? Pray this week for the opportunity and the Spirit's leading.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Scripture

Revelation 11:12 "Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 'Come up here!' And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them."

Discussion

1. Read Revelation 11:1-14

2. As we read verses 1 and 2 we see that John is supposed to measure the temple of God, the altar and those who worship there. Why do you think John was to do this? After reading several ideas and thoughts from different commentaries, it is thought that John was to measure the strength of the worshipers – were they strong in their faith; were they scholars of the Word; and would they be willing to die for their faith?

3. Verses 2 through 6 we find that John was to not measure the courtyard as it would be given to the nations. Did you realize that 42 months or 1,260 days is 3.5 years? Who do you think the nations might be – enemies, foes, unbelievers or someone else?

4. Two witnesses – they have power; they are prophesying; they give their testimony and are then killed. Many have written about these witnesses and have speculated as to their identity. Take note of vs. 6 – what two Old Testament characters had the abilities these witnesses have? What do you think their message is? Why would people oppose them?

5. Verses 7 through 10 mark a turning point and the witnesses are killed and lie in the street. The satanic power increases and large numbers of Christians are martyred. The world that killed Jesus is now killing His followers – PERSECUTION. While the world rejoices at their deaths, take note of the fact that vs. 7 indicates this was God's perfect timing. Where have you seen God's timing even in the most difficult of circumstances? Have you been able to be a "dangerous witness" to His sovereignty?

6. Vs. 10 says that the two witnesses had "been a torment to those who dwell on the earth." When have you felt that God was calling you to deliver a message of bad news?

7. Read vs. 11-12 and discuss your thoughts. What filled the people who witnessed the resurrection of the two witnesses? Read Luke 24:37 to see the same reaction to the appearance of the resurrected Christ to His disciples.

8. Why is there a "great earthquake" (11:13)? What do earthquakes represent in the book of Revelation? Why does only a tenth of the city (7,000 people) perish? What does this tell us about God's character? Is the response of the people who were preserved sincere? Why or why not?

Give
(your group serving each other)

How is your witness and your worship? How can you encourage the others in your group to be a "dangerous witness?" Determine to spend more time in Scripture so you will have a testimony to share.