

(1) The Christmas season means different things to different people, often depending on how they were raised and how they were taught in the churches they attended while growing up. Let each person share briefly what Christmas has meant to them, and what it means today. What is your opinion regarding the true, biblical importance of Christmas?

(2) Read 1 John 3:8. What are the implications of this for our understanding of the coming of Christ and the message of Christmas? Does it surprise you to discover that the defeat of Satan was so central to what Christ came to accomplish? What do you think this “defeat” or destruction of the works of Satan actually entails? How did he do it?

(3) If, as I argued, Revelation 9:13-21 is describing the global impact in this present age of the activity of demons, what does this say about our worldview? What does it tell us about what energizes the non-Christian world? What does it tell us about how we should live our Christian lives and how we should engage society at large?

(4) Read again Revelation 9:20-21. What are the lessons we learn here about human nature? How does a passage like this influence the way we evangelize the lost?

(5) How does Revelation 11:14-19 influence your perspective on life and ministry? It is easy for us to become pessimistic with the way things currently are in the world. How does this passage challenge our pessimism and in what ways does it serve to encourage and energize us in life?