

(1) How does it affect you when you hear in Scripture that we, the people of God, are his temple? Read aloud 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5. How do these texts help us in understanding Revelation 11? How do they affect our own sense of identity?

(2) Does it strike you as odd to say that you are among those who can identify as the “two witnesses” of Revelation 11? How does that impact your sense of calling in terms of how you relate to the broader culture?

(3) If Revelation 11:3-6 is describing the prayer and prophetic ministry of the church in the present age, do you feel encouraged and empowered to take the gospel to an unbelieving world? How do these verses serve to energize and encourage you?

(4) Are you surprised by the fact that the persecution of Christians as the end of the age approaches will lead many to conclude that the church has been destroyed? Are you bothered by this? What is there in Revelation 11 that tells us that the destruction of the church and its witness is in fact only in appearance but that in reality her witness continues and vindication will come?

(5) Talk about the implications of v. 13. What is the significance in the words “one-tenth” and “7,000”? In what way does this suggest that there may well be a global revival of souls in the last days?