

(1) Talk about how people talk about the end of the world? What are some of the things you hear them say? In what ways do people envision the world coming to an end? Do any of their ideas have support from Scripture?

(2) In Revelation 16:5-7 John records the testimony of angels and from the altar declaring that God's judgments against an unbelieving and idolatrous world are both "true and just" and that such judgments are entirely consistent with God's holiness. Do you believe this too? What struggles, if any, do you have in your heart with the idea of God judging the non-Christian world? Do you question whether or not it is in accordance with truth and justice? If so, why? What would convince you that the final judgment of unbelieving humanity is entirely just?

(3) Read Revelation 16:9b and 11b. What do these statements tell you about the depths of depravity and unbelief in the human heart? If the human heart is this resistant to gospel truth, what would it take for someone to recognize the existence of God and genuinely repent of his/her sin?

(4) What have you believed about the nature and location of the battle of Armageddon? What reasons are there for us to believe that the word "Armageddon" is actually used to refer to the final **global** war between Christ and his enemies, and not merely of a localized war in the Holy Land?

(5) Read Revelation 16:15 and the counsel that comes to us from Jesus. What does it mean practically for you to live in a watchful way, fully clothed in the righteousness of Christ? How would you use this verse to communicate the urgency of the gospel to an unbeliever?