

**All Things New: The Angel & Little Scroll, The Two Witnesses, and The Seventh Trumpet**

*Revelation 10 & 11*

**1. “How are we all doing?” (High, Low & Buffalo)**

- i. High – What was a high point in your week? What was good or went well?
- ii. Low – What was a low point in your week? What was a challenge, disappointment, or struggle?
- iii. Buffalo – What was something interesting, random, or different that happened this week?

**2. “Revelation 9, 10 & 11 describe the ‘woes’ that began in 8:13. Before we move on to chapters 10 & 11, what sticks out to you from chapter 9?”**

**3. “With that in mind, let’s read chapter 10 & 11. It’s a longer passage, so can we get a couple people to read? Try to read a little *slower* than usual. For the rest of us, try to imagine what John saw as we listen. Can we “see” what we hear?”**

**4. “What images stick out to you from this chapter? What questions does it bring up?”**

**5. “If you heard the sermon this week, what helps you understand or apply this passage?”**

**6. “Revelation is closely connected to the Old Testament. Can someone read Ezekiel 2:1 – 3:9?”**

*What similarities and differences do you see between this part of Ezekiel and Revelation 10 & 11?”*

**7. “The two people in 11:3 are described as witnesses, olive trees, and lampstands. Can someone read Zechariah 4:1-6 and 4:12-14? Can someone else read Revelation 1:20 and 2:13?”**

*All of these verses together seem to show the witnesses / olive trees / lampstands as a picture of the church full of the Holy Spirit and under pressure from the world. The burlap is a sign of humility and repentance. How does humility and repentance in the church impact how people see the Gospel?*

*How does a lack of humility or repentance impact it?*

**8. “Repentance is a regular part of the life of a follower of Jesus. In the same way we regularly tidy our home and sometimes do a deep clean, we will need to regularly ‘tidy’ our lives and sometimes do a ‘deep clean.’**

*Imagine you are at a pharmacy picking up a new medicine. The pharmacist is telling you what the drug does, when you should take it, how to take it, and how often to take it. Now imagine the medicine is 'Repentance.' What does repentance do? When and how often is it needed? How is it best done?"*

**9. "Even though repentance brings freedom and forgiveness, we often hesitate to repent.**

*What makes repenting easier or more difficult?*

*What have you found helpful for breaking down barriers to repenting?"*

**Optional: Break into smaller groups for this section**

**10. "Our response to sin in someone else's life is often shaped by how we see sin in our own life. For example, if we see someone angry, jealous, or addicted, we might be more judgmental or more compassionate if we are also angry, jealous, or addicted. Our best response to someone else's sin comes from wrestling with our own sin, which requires repentance and develops humility. As Darrell Johnson says, "we witness to God's kingdom from a place of brokenness over our own sin."<sup>1</sup>**

*How have you responded to people or situations when their struggles are like your own?*

*When has the Gospel been good news for you ('sweet to the taste') but challenging to live out ('sour to the stomach')? Put another way, what part of your life are you more hesitant to let Jesus change?*

*How has the transforming power of the Gospel in your life shaped how you respond to other people, especially in their struggle with sin?"*

**12. "What is producing humility or repentance in your life these days? Where do you need repentance or humility?"**

**13. "Thanks for sharing \_\_\_\_\_. Can I pray for you?" Take time to pray for each other.**

**14. "Thanks everyone! Same time next week? Who will lead / host / bring**

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<sup>1</sup> *Discipleship on the Edge*, p. 220