

UNVEILED

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Wk 8 - THE MONSTERS

REVELATION 12-13

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. THE FIRST BEAST USES INTIMIDATION WHILE THE SECOND BEAST USES SUBTLE PROPAGANDA. IN YOUR DAILY ROUTINE, WHERE DO YOU FEEL THE PRESSURE OF THE FIRST BEAST'S INTIMIDATION, & WHERE ARE YOU MOST TEMPTED BY THE SECOND BEAST'S SUBTLE SEDUCTION?
2. THE MARK OF THE BEAST IS PLACED ON THE FOREHEAD (THE MIND) & THE HAND (ACTIONS). HOW CAN WE PRACTICALLY DISCERN WHEN OUR WORKPLACE, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS, OR FINANCIAL CHOICES ARE SLOWLY BEING SHAPED BY THE VALUES OF THE "BEAST" RATHER THAN THE CHARACTER OF THE LAMB?
3. REVELATION CALLS THE CHURCH TO RESPOND TO CULTURAL HOSTILITY NOT WITH MATCHING AGGRESSION OR VIOLENCE, BUT WITH "PATIENT ENDURANCE AND FAITHFULNESS." WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO EMBODY PATIENT ENDURANCE IN A CULTURE THAT DEMANDS QUICK OUTRAGE, FEAR, & FIGHTING?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

TAKE A "DISCIPLESHIP INVENTORY" OF YOUR INPUTS. FOR 24 HOURS, PAY ATTENTION TO THE NEWS, PODCASTS, OR SOCIAL MEDIA YOU CONSUME. ASK YOURSELF THESE TWO QUESTIONS: IS THIS SHAPING MY MIND TO THINK WITH FEAR, OUTRAGE, & SELF-PROTECTION, OR WITH TRUTH, HUMILITY, & LOVE? IS THIS DIRECTING MY HANDS TOWARD GREED & CULTURAL COMPLIANCE, OR TOWARD SACRIFICIAL SERVICE & GENEROSITY? CHOOSE ONE VOICE OR HABIT THAT IS SUBTLY DISCIPLING YOU TOWARD FEAR OR COMPROMISE & TURN IT OFF FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK. REPLACE THAT TIME BY REMINDING YOURSELF OUT LOUD: "I BELONG TO THE LAMB, & HIS NAME IS WRITTEN ON MY LIFE."