

Study Guide on Message: Revelation 11



During Small Group

Choose a Weekly Leader –

The leader's role is simply to keep the discussion focused and guide the group through the questions. This does not need to be the same person each week.

Read the Passage – Have someone read the passage aloud.

Work Through the Questions –

Questions are divided into three sections: **Exegetical**, **Sermon**, and **Personal Reflection**. You do not need to answer every question;

Pray for One Another –

Keep prayer requests brief so there's time for everyone to share.

Time Length: Aim for about 1–1.5 hours. This is a guideline; adjust as needed for different schedules, especially in the morning

Bible Study Questions

Ice Breaker:

Have you ever ignored a warning and later wished you had listened? What happened?

Read Revelation 11:3–6. The two witnesses have powers similar to Moses and Elijah, are called "two olive trees and two lampstands," and prophesy for 1,260 days.

Question: Based on the imagery and Old Testament background (especially Zechariah 4, Moses, and Elijah), what clues does John give about the identity and mission of the two witnesses? Why might John describe them symbolically rather than simply naming them?

Read Revelation 11:1–2.

Question: John is told to measure the temple, but not the outer court, which is given over to the nations for forty-two months. What does measuring represent elsewhere in Scripture? What does this act teach us about God's protection, ownership, and judgment?

Read Revelation 11:7–10.

Question: The inhabitants of the earth rejoice, exchange gifts, and celebrate the death of God's witnesses. What does this reveal about humanity's response to God's truth? Why is faithful witness often met with hostility rather than repentance?

Read Revelation 11:11–13.

Question: God raises the two witnesses and calls them into heaven while their enemies watch. What theological truths does this scene teach about God's vindication of His people? How does it encourage Christians facing opposition today?

Read Revelation 11:15–19.

Question: The heavenly voices proclaim, "*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.*" What changes after the seventh trumpet? Does this passage describe Christ beginning His reign, or the public declaration of the reign He already possesses? Support your answer from the passage and the rest of Scripture.

To Get A Debate Going...

Does Revelation 11 require a future, literal temple in Jerusalem, or is the temple symbolic of God's people? Why?

Are the two witnesses two literal individuals, or do they symbolize the witnessing church? Defend your answer from the passage.

If they are literal people, who do you think they are? Moses and Elijah? Enoch and Elijah? Two unknown future prophets? Why?

If they represent the church, how do you explain their death, resurrection, and ascension?

Let's Get Real and Raw (These Might Sting a Bit)

I recommend setting aside one of your daily devotion times to work through these questions. Depending on how honest you're willing to get with yourself and with God, it might take around 30-60 minutes. I know it's a long time, but hey, 30 min is worth growing in sanctification right? Be as specific as possible. And if you're feeling really brave, consider sharing one or two of your answers with your small group.

The two witnesses refused to stop speaking God's truth even when it cost them. Where am I most tempted to stay silent about Jesus because I'm afraid of what people will think?

The witnesses were clothed in sackcloth—a symbol of repentance and humility. Is my life marked more by humility and repentance, or by protecting my image?

The world celebrated when God's witnesses were silenced. Are there places where I've been more concerned about being accepted by the world than being faithful to Christ?

God protected the witnesses until their work was finished. What fears keep me from trusting that my life is ultimately in God's hands?

The witnesses spoke truth to power. Who or what has the most influence over my decisions: God, other people, my career, my family, politics, or public opinion?

Jerusalem looked religious but was spiritually called Sodom and Egypt. Is there any area of my life where I appear spiritual on the outside but am resisting God on the inside?

The witnesses' ministry called people back to God. Who has God placed in my life that I have stopped praying for or speaking to about Christ?

The Beast appeared to win—but only for a moment. Where have I started believing that evil is winning more than I believe Jesus is reigning?

God's definition of success was faithfulness, not popularity.

How do I define success? What disappointments reveal that I may value the world's definition more than God's?

General Small Group Questions on the Camp Talk

The most encouraging Thought I heard today was....

The most challenging thought I had to day was

The most confusing thought Iheard was.....

The greatest joy in my life is...