Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: The Revelation
Sunday, December 12: The Final Battle of Armageddon
Revelation 16
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What was one of the greatest days of your life? Can you remember a day that you would say, man, that day was amazing! What was so amazing about it?

If you could dream up a "great day" for you, what would it be? Describe it in as much detail as you can.

Revelation tells us about a Great day. **Read Revelation 16:1-6**

Mike said this morning, "A God who feels the same way about good and evil, who does not deal justly with evil, is not a good God." Where are places that you have wondered if God is dealing with good and bad in the same manner? What are "evil" things that have happened and the way it seemed like God was dealing with it, that made you question if God is truly good.

Mike talked a great deal about "to love Jesus is to love his church." Where are places it's been hard to love the church? I'm not talking about the "organizational church" only. I'm talking about "people" in the church.
Where are places that you expect that the church will never fail? Do you think this is possible?
What does it mean for you to love the church EVEN when the church is broken?

Read Revelation 16:8-11
There are many tribulations that come into our life. Is your tendency to see these as places that God is stretching and growing you or as places it feels like God hates you? Are you tempted to "curse God" as those in verses 8-11.

Read Revelation 16:12-21
Reflecting back to earlier sermons in Revelation, who is the dragon? The beast? Who did Mike say was the "false prophet"?

What does life look like at the end of verse 14? For those that are followers of Christ and do not know what comes after this, what would you be tempted to feel right now?

As you read these verses, you may ask "how could God allow this?" But we have to keep this section in perspective. Over and over in the book of Revelation and all of history, you have to recognize where God has given opportunity to repent. God has extended GRACE way before judgment and wrath as he knows that Grace has the best shot at repentance.

Where are situations you have seen Grace open a huge door for a person to repent? Where are places you seen people not respond to grace but did eventually respond when "wrath" came in their life?

Why do you think people don't respond to the grace of God?

The Great Day now approaches-Armageddon.
It's easy to get caught up into all the things we do not know from these verses and to argue over what we "imagine" this will be like. But putting those things aside, in reading verses 15-21, what are things that we know for sure that are not in question?

How do these things give you hope? What of this bothers you and why?
Even when things have gotten this horrible, there will be many that continue to curse God. Why do you think this happens?

Who are people that you know that curse God in every situation no matter what? How can you pray for them?
For some parents, you have endured this kind of response from acts of great love. For some friends, you have endured this kind of response from acts of great love. How do you handle this kind of response when you love someone yet they curse you? If you have situations you have been a part of like this, share it with the group and hear their counsel.
The main thing that we know for sure is that "there is going to be an end and God will win!" Mike stated, "There is going to be an end when you will lose everything."

What are the things that are most fearful for you to lose? What are you tempted to hold onto the most?
Respond to this quote by GK Chesterton: "The way to love anything is to be aware it may be lost."
The way of the Christian is to live with the end in mind. Practically talk about how you pray your life will look different in light of this.