

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Palm Sunday

These questions are for the **April 9, 2017** sermon, "A Triumphant Death." Please read the sermon passage (Revelation 12:1-12) together out loud.

IN THE MIDST OF COSMIC CONFLICT, NOTE . . .

1. **The signs that God has provided.** (1-6)
 - A. The signs written about show us that Jesus is the Christ.
 - B. Signs communicate, guide and instruct those who believe.
 - i. We are expecting a promised child.
 - ii. A false power intends harm to the promised child.
 - iii. The child will be unharmed, and will rule over all.
2. **The Salvation that God has secured.** (7-12)
 - A. Believers overcome the evil one by the blood of the conquering Lamb. (11a)
 - B. Believers overcome the evil one by the word of their testimony. (11b)
 - C. Believers overcome the evil one by NOT loving their own lives--even unto death. (11c)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Satan is "the dragon" in Revelation 12. Note how he intends to harm the child, but is prevented. Satan always has destructive plans. How does the reality of this truth stir up a desire in you to stay close to God, the one who can protect you? What other implications are true because Satan is not all-powerful, but God is all-powerful?
2. Based on #2, above: It's the blood of the conquering lamb which provides our ultimate (and only) grounds for victory. What are some other ways that you have tried to overcome the evil one? Why do we try other things? How have you seen Jesus destroy the works of the devil?
3. Based on #2, above: God is going to employ the word of your testimony in a way which continues to overcome the evil one. Discuss this reality. What is your testimony about the saving power of Jesus?
4. Based on #2, above: We get sucked into loving our lives gradually. On the one hand, none of us wants to die sooner than necessary, but on the other hand, each believer is called to live a life which testifies to Jesus' faithfulness. What are two or three signs that you love your own comfort too much? In what way does loving your own comfort work against Jesus Christ's victory over the evil one?
5. God's victory over the evil one was promised, and has been delivered. It is so crucial that God's people live in the light of that victory! In what way are you living in the light of God's victory over the evil one?