Revelation Series: Revelation 13:1-10 An Imposter Image of the True God Week of September 15, 2024

Text

Have someone read aloud Revelation 13:1-10.

We are the image bearers of God. (Genesis 1:27) But what does it mean to be an image bearer of God? What does the image of God look like, or better yet, what does it not look like? We are surrounded by a world that inundates us with lies about what image we are to reflect. With questions of identity and what is beautiful and worthy of praise, we must focus on God and His Word.

Discussion Questions

Force For Good: As we seek to be image bearers of God, what kind of legacy do you want to leave?

Have someone read aloud Revelation 5:5-10.

- 1. What are the ways the beast in chapter 13 mimics Jesus, and why do you think he does this?
- 2. In the context of the first-century church reading Revelation, how do you think they would have understood the beasts and why?

Have someone read aloud Daniel 7:17-23.

- 3. What similarities are there between the beasts in Daniel and Revelation, and what could be the significance of the similarities? How would knowledge of Daniel affect the first-century readers as they read Revelation?
- 4. Who in the Bible is called to reflect the image of God, and what does it look like to reflect that image?



5. What is an example in the Bible of someone reflecting God's image, and how does God work through that person's life?

Application

- 1. In what ways do we see Satan disguising himself as good or Christlike in our world today?
- 2. What promise of God has helped sustain you through a difficult season of life?
- 3. How do you reflect the image of God? What are things in your life that cloud your reflection of God, and how can you address those things?

Prayer

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here is a prompt:

Pray that we would be a light to this dark world and that the image of God would radiate from us in everything we do.

Additional Resources and Information

Resources on Revelation

We have resources for diving deeper into your study of the Book of Revelation, including books, graphs, maps, and a one-and-a-half-hour roundtable discussion between Pastor Robby and several staff members about some questions surrounding our recent studies in Revelation. Click <u>HERE</u>.

Sermon+

Would you like to dive deeper into understanding Scripture and the book of Revelation? Pastor Robby's *Sermon*+ is the opportunity to go deeper into topics and applications from Sunday sermons. Click <u>HERE</u>.

