Revelation Series: Revelation 13:11-18

The Mark of the Beast

Week of September 22, 2024

Spirit-led Follower: How has a particular Scripture left a lasting mark on your life?

Text

Have someone read aloud Revelation 13:11-18

Through this passage, we can explore the profound themes of spiritual identity, authentic worship, and the contrasts between the mark of God and the mark of Satan. What does it mean to bear the mark of God, and how do we discern the mark of God from the mark of the enemy? Based on how we live our lives, we mark who the Lord of our lives is and communicate to our families, friends, coworkers, and the world around us who we truly worship.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does the second beast appearing as a lamb but speaking like a dragon tell us about deception in our journey of faith? How do we discern the true Lamb of God from the false lamb?
- 2. Why do you think the mark of the beast is the part of Revelation that gets the most attention? How does the use of gematria impact your understanding of the mark 666?

Have someone read aloud Deuteronomy 6:6-8

- 3. How does this passage in Deuteronomy impact our understanding of the marks of God and Satan?
- 4. How do we tell the difference between the marks of Satan and the marks of God?



Application

- 1. In what ways do you struggle with authenticity in your faith?
- 2. How can we apply the lessons from Revelation 13 to critique the spiritual climate of our own culture? What actions can we take in response?
- 3. How can you worship the Lord through your actions this week?

Prayer

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

- 1. Pray that the Lord would write His Word on our hearts and that our daily actions would reflect the image of God to the world around us.
- 2. Share one of your favorite prayers from Scripture with your group during your time of prayer.

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 HERE.

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>.

