

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 14:1-5 we are shown 6 characteristics of the people of God in their eternal state.

- I. They are protected and owned by their God (v. 1).
- II. They sing a new song to their God (vs. 2-3).
- III. They worship only their God (v. 4a).
- IV. They are obedient disciples of their God (v. 4b).
- V. They are redeemed offerings to their God (v. 4c).
- VI. Their character reflects their God (v. 5).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 18, 2018

Passage: Revelation 14:1-5

Memory Passage: Revelation 14:1

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 1:1-13:18.** We have been out of Revelation for a couple of weeks, so let's begin by reading everything we have studied so far, beginning with 1:1. Make note of anything that is still unclear, or that you have questions concerning, and start conversations with others in your Sunday school class or Growth Group throughout the week to gain more clarity.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 14:1-5.** Why are the 144,000 described as having the Lamb's name and his Father's name written on their foreheads (cf. 13:8, 16-18; Ex. 28:36-38; Rev. 3:12; 7:2-3; 13:1, 8, 16-18; 22:1-4)?

(b) Where have we seen the "144,000" before, and who did this number represent there (cf. 7:1-17)?

(c) Who is represented by the 144,000 in chapter 14? How does their description in vs. 1-5 cement your answer?

(d) What is symbolized by "Mt. Zion" (for help cf. Ex. 15:16-18, Ps. 2:6-7, Ez. 20:40-42, Heb. 12:22-24, and remember what we learned about the temple theology in the Old & New Testaments)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Rev. 14:1-5.** What do you learn about the quality of the song the saints are singing ("like . . . like . . . like" in v. 2)?

(b) Why is it important to know who the saints are singing in front of ("before . . . before . . . before" in v. 3)?

(c) Why are the 144,000 the only ones who could learn this song (v. 4)?

(d) We are told often in Scripture to "sing a new song" in response to God's character and work (cf. Ps. 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; Is. 42:10; Rev. 5:9; 14:3), and praise is a constant activity of the followers of the Lamb in Revelation. Is it a regular occurrence in your life to respond to God in praise, with new songs, and with worship? How might you increase your response to God in praise, making it a more natural and fluid response to His person and work? How does this translate corporately to your participation in the body of Christ?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Rev. 14:1-5.** What is meant by the phrase “have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins” used to describe the redeemed (for help, cf. Jer. 3:6-10; Ez. 20:7, 18; 22:4; 23:7, 30; Rev. 2:14, 20-22; 14:8-11; 17:1-2)?

(b) What does it mean for the 144,000 to “follow the Lamb wherever he goes” and to be “redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb” (for help see esp. Jer. 2:2-3; James 1:8)?

(c) What does it mean for you and I to daily “follow the Lamb wherever he goes” (cf. Mark 8:34-38; John 8:12; 10:4, 27; 12:26)?

(d) Why was it necessary for the 144,000 to be “blameless” and have “no lie” found in their mouth (cf. Is. 53:7-9; Zephaniah 3:11-14; Rev. 3:9; 21:8, 27; 22:15)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Rev. 14:1-5.** These 5 verses depict the people of God throughout the ages who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb as standing with Him in the New Jerusalem. They are depicted in their final perfection as those sharing in the characteristics of their Savior. Though this picture is of our future and final redemption and glory, in what ways are we to pursue these characteristics today, in this world? Think through every characteristic given of the redeemed in these passages and write at least 2 applications for each that you will endeavor to apply as you “follow the Lamb” this week. Be specific with each one, focusing on areas you need to grow in order to look more like the Lamb you are following. Be ready to share some of these with your Sunday school class and Growth Group so they might be encouraged in their walk as well.

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