

### God's plan to win your battles.





#### **Overview:**

Theme: Jesus is our Victorious King.

The Bible has one major theme – Jesus. The final book of Revelation is a book of prophecy that shows Jesus as our Victorious King. Revelation is a message to the churches just like the prophets were before. It is a warning to the seven churches, and a message that we can learn from today:

- 1. The churches had lost their first love (Jesus).
- 2. They are not to be fearful.
- 3. Do not allow unconfessed sin.
- 4. Do not be lukewarm.

Revelation talks of Jesus yet to come, but not as a suffering servant this time, but as King of Kings. It is also a book of worship – of beauty, power, greatness and glory.

Revelation is the culmination of God's redemptive love story.

#### Key Concepts: Revelation of Jesus Christ, Great Tribulation

- **Revelation of Jesus Christ** shows Jesus as the risen Lord in all His glory. Jesus is revealed as the resurrected Christ with the power and authority to judge the world.
- **Great Tribulation** is the last seven years before Jesus returns. The first 3 ½ years is relative peace with the antichrist. The last 3 ½ years intensifies into war. The seven seals represent the seven phases of judgment:
  - 1. Antichrist rises to power
  - 2. War
  - 3. Famine
  - 4. Death
  - 5. Martyrs
  - 6. World chaos
  - 7. Seven judgments (7 trumpets) destruction of earth and sea Afterwards, Jesus as King will come. Satan is bound. There is judgment for those who rejected Jesus, and then one thousand years of peace will follow. There is another brief but final battle with Satan, and then the New Jerusalem comes.

#### **Bible Study Guide:**

- 1. Watch the video for session 6.
- 2. Discuss the review questions on page 173 with your group or as personal review.
- 3. Personal study: Complete the reading and reflection in the workbook for each day.

## Personal Study Questions New Testament Writings

#### Day 1: God's final message.

The disciple John saw the resurrected Jesus and a glimpse into heaven. God's purpose in sending this revelation was to show Jesus as the Victorious King who has conquered evil.

How does this change your thinking about the future?

#### Day 2: The seven letters to seven churches.

Through this prophecy, Jesus warns us to not forget our love for Him, not be lukewarm, and to be sensitive to sin and repent.

Based on these warnings, what do you need to change today in your life?

### Day 3: God's judgments.

All of these judgments will be on those who have rejected Jesus. God will judge all His enemies but He also will provide for all His saints.

What are some of the promises we have from God to His saints?

#### Day 4: The final war.

The final war is against the world's evil. Through a series of judgments and war, God will one day destroy all His enemies, and peace on earth will finally be possible.

How does this give you comfort and assurance for the future?

#### Day 5: The final victory!

Only those whose names are in the Lamb's Book of Life will experience the new heaven and new earth. There is eternal importance to God's act of love in sending His Son, Jesus, to die for us and take our punishment for sin. And there is eternal importance in our decision to accept or reject Christ. Through Christ, we are redeemed and restored, and He has promised to never leave or forsake us! What is the most important thing you have learned in this study of God's invincible love, and the invisible war?

# **Battle Plan for Prayer:** Session 6

Love.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war ... He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh, He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Revelation 19:11, 13-16)

Lord, I am so glad that I know You in a personal way and that I have given my life to You. You are my Sovereign King, my source of Wisdom, my Savior, my Teacher, and my Victorious King. I have chosen to live with You forever in Your eternal kingdom, where there will be no more sin and no more death. Thank you for clothing me and protecting me in your perfect righteousness. There is no more shame of sin, no more suffering and no more death. You are victorious over evil, sin and death! I choose Christ as my Savior and my King!