Sermon Discussion

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Ice Breaker: What dessert would you absolutely refuse to eat, were it offered to you?

<u>Lord have mercy</u>

1. We deserve God's just judgment
    a. We worship creation rather than the Creator
    b. We ALL deserve God's judgement because we are guilty of sin
2. God offers mercy to those who deserve judgment
    a. God is patiently giving you time to repent!
    b. God's grace offers you salvation from judgment

Sermon Discussion:

1. How is your opinion/view of Revelation changing as we continue to walk through the book together?
2. How does a better understanding of what has occurred in the past as recorded in the Old Testament help you understand what is happening in the challenging sections of Revelation?
    a. How does this type of OT/NT connection relate to God's character?
3. Revelation 8 opens with an eerie silence. Have you ever experienced an eerie silence in a physical sense? Or in a spiritual sense (a time of peace before a trial)?
4. God's good gifts can often be twisted in a way that we worship the gift rather than the giver. Is that happening anywhere in your life? (Family, money, sex, talents, etc.)
    a. What can you do to reorient your worship? How can this group help you?
5. Some people struggle to reconcile God's love with His judgment. How would you explain why a loving God must also be a just judge?
    a. Can you make an analogy to a human courtroom with a judge sentencing a criminal?
6. How do we strike the balance of thinking of ourselves as sinners corrupted by the fall yet redeemed saints who are able to overcome sin? (Verses)
    a. Do you claim the title of Saint _____? (insert names in the room)
7. Throughout the trumpet judgments we repeatedly see that God's judgments are partial rather than total. What does this reveal about God's character?
8. What has been the biggest disconnect or struggle for you as we have been hering the teaching from Revelation?
9. Do you tend to use God's patience as opportunity to keep sinning or as an opportunity to turn to Him in repentance and worship? (1 John 1:8-9; Romans 2:4, 6:1-7; 2 Corinthians 7:8-12)