

(1) Revelation 19:1-10 is primarily about worship and why God is worthy of it. How do you define “worship”? What do you think is happening on Sunday morning or at other corporate gatherings of God’s people when they sing? How does everything else we do as a local church and as Christians relate to the ultimate goal of worshiping God? In this passage the “choir” of heaven sings and shouts like “the roar of many waters” and “mighty peals of thunder.” Does this mean it is ok, perhaps even important, that our worship be energetic and loud?

(2) It is clear from Revelation 19:1-4 that much of the reason or ground for worshiping God is his judgment of the Beast and Babylon. Is it ok for us to celebrate judgment? Do you struggle to worship God when you think of him as exacting vengeance on those who have defied him and persecuted his people? If so, why? How does it affect how you think of God and the way you worship him that his judgments are said to be “just and true”?

(3) What does it mean when John says the bride of Christ has “made herself ready” for the marriage supper of the Lamb? How do we avoid drawing the conclusion that our acceptance with Christ is based on our good works? In what ways might you be getting yourself “ready” right now for the return of Christ/

(4) Talk for a while about the many marriage ceremonies and receptions you’ve attended. What stood out as especially beautiful and joyful? How do you think the marriage supper of the Lamb will be greater and even more joyful? Why did God choose to use the imagery and experience of a wedding feast to portray what we will experience with Jesus when he returns?

(5) What does it mean to say that the “testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”? Talk about the various ways this might be understood.