

(Note to Kinship Leader: You don't have to use every question – just what you want to use)

Message Date: 1/22/12

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Message Title: “The Seventh Bowl – The Bad News and the Good News”

Scriptures: Rev 16:17-21

“Recommended” Launch Question(s):

- What are some of your favorite “Good News, Bad News” jokes?

“Recommended” Guiding Question(s):

- We laugh at these kinds of jokes, but can you think of any real-life “Good News, Bad News” situations? It may be something that started out good that turned bad or vice-versa.
- What recent news stories have you become aware of that would be considered bad news? How did you react to that?
- How have you reacted to news stories that would be considered good news?
- Have you ever used either one of these types of news stories as a lead-in to the real “Good News” of the Gospel? Explain.
- V17 – When this final bowl is poured out, what is going to be affected first?
 - - How does the darkness in the atmosphere parallel another event that took place in the past? What was it?
 - - In both cases, God’s wrath was poured out. What are the differences?
- V18 – If anyone has ever been in an earthquake, what can you tell of the experience?
 - - Pastor Mark read Isaiah’s prophetic account of this earthquake in chapter 24. The imagery is vivid. What scripture about this earthquake stands out the most to you?
- V19 – All the cities of the world will be destroyed, but what is the final outcome of Jerusalem?
 - - Babylon is also destroyed. What does Babylon represent in scripture?
- V20 – The shaking of the earth will be so violent that every island and mountain will be destroyed – even Hawaii. What lone mountain will be remaining? See Isaiah chapter 24?
 - - What will be the purpose of the only mountain that remains? See Micah chapter 4.
 - - During the reign of Christ as seen in Micah 4, what are some of the key points mentioned? See, also Isaiah 11 & 12.
- V21 – What is the approximate weight of a talent?
 - - As a result of this immense hailstorm, men blasphemed God. What was the Old Testament punishment for those who blasphemed God?

“Recommended” Application Question(s):

- The final outcome of God’s judgment on sin is His wrath. It took place once when Jesus died on the cross and will take place again as a result of men refusing to accept Jesus’ sacrifice for their sins. We must be careful not to minimize sin in our daily walk because as believers our penalty has already been paid.
- Reflect within yourself to see if there are any lingering sins that need to be dealt with.