



Sermon Growth Guide

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Future Jesus – Jesus Gathers Nations

Revelation 7:9-17

Key Verse: Revelation 7:9 “After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.”

Big Idea: Jesus gathers His bride from every nation, tribe, people.

Foundations

Happy Father’s Day! Take time today and this week to thank God for the way He models Kingdom fatherhood to you and those around you. Remember and celebrate the fathers in your life for the ways in which they help point to the father heart of God. Pray that God will bless all fathers of the world to live as He desires fathers to live.

This week in Revelation 7 we see how the grace of God in Christ has gathered people (a countless number of people!) from every nation, tribe, people and language. Together, this people, the bride of Christ, offers unified, unending worship to Jesus declaring that “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb,” (verse 10).

In Christ, diversity and unity meet in Kingdom peace. Regarding diversity, all nations are gathered. The Word of salvation in Christ must and will go out into all the earth. Regarding unity, we will all of us, with palm branches and white robes, point together to Christ alone as our one and only salvation.

Pray that God will guide and guard your Life Group through this passage today. Pray that First Pres will even more continue to pursue the never-ending day of worship depicted in Revelation 7. Pray that we will be even more conformed to the image of Christ through our time together this week.

Understanding God’s Word

Describe again the scene of worship Pastor Tim walks us through this week in verses 9 and 10.

What is the eternal heart cry of the angels, elders, and four living creatures in verse 12?

What promises are found in verses 15-17?

Applying God’s Word

Knowing that God is a global God with a deep love for diversity, yet a tremendous heart cry for unity of worship helps shape the way we view the local congregation. Pastor Tim writes, “Are we reflecting in our gatherings and worship the kind of beauty and diversity of this future church we see in Revelation? ... Jesus is leading us forward into something better.” As we follow Jesus into His Kingdom, continue to discern as a group where our hearts ought to be pointed and focused. As Colorado Springs moves into its next 150 years, what does First Pres look like? What does that look like on a personal level for you this week?

Witnessing God’s Word

We see in Revelation 7 that all nations are gathered. The Word of salvation in Christ must and will go out into all the earth. What is your role this week in the mission of God?