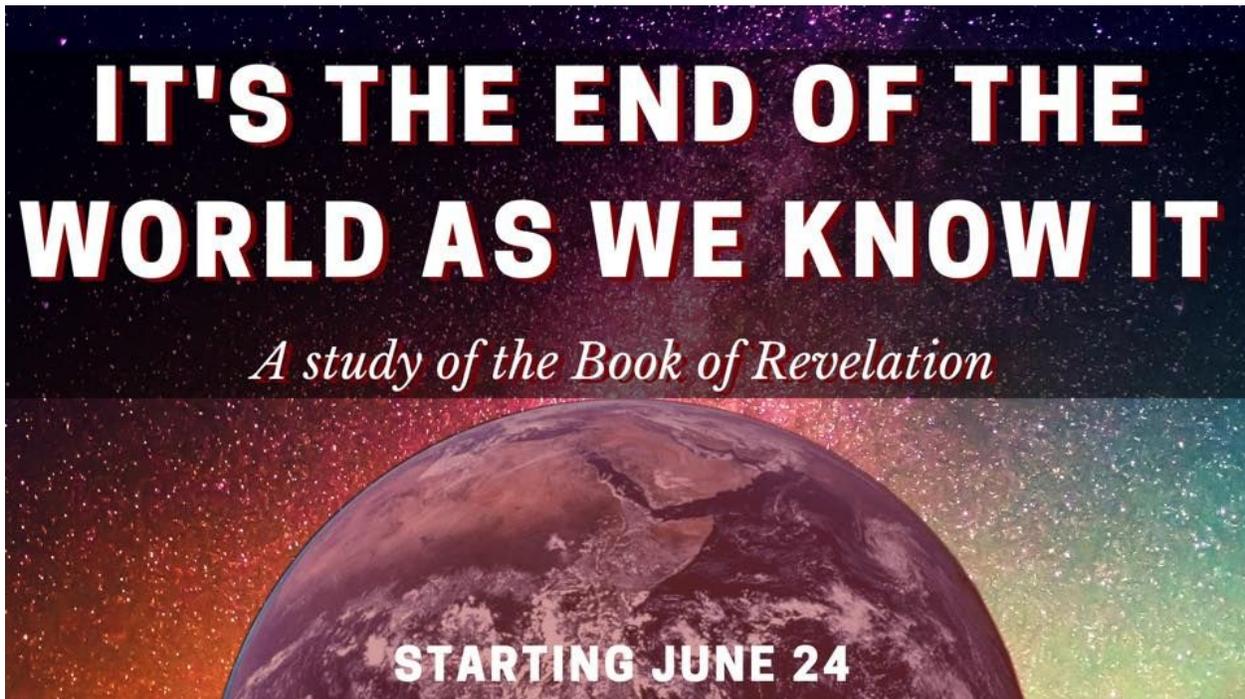

Small Groups and Home Study

Week of July 1st, 2018



Opening Prayer

A member of the group may open the time with prayer.

Focus on the Scripture :

Revelation 5:1-13

1. Read from more than one translation of the Bible.
2. Are there any notable differences between these translations?
3. If any, name the main people, locations, events, things that are mentioned in the reading.
4. Which stories or events come before or after this reading? Do you see a connection?



Questions for Group Discussion

1. What new questions do you have about the book of Revelation?
2. What do you know about the book of Revelation and where did you learn about it?
3. Dispensationalism is the theology that there are set time tables in which God will act in the world. If your Bible has footnotes, what signals you that your Bible's editors may have dispensationalist views?
4. Our scripture today has more peculiar imagery. What do you think John of Patmos is trying to convey? Why didn't he just say that? What is in the scroll?
5. It is believed (by some dispensationalists) that Christ will come and vanquish the enemies of the earth after a rapture (or taking up) of true Christian believers. Describe the nature of God according to this theology. Who does God care for? Who is vindicated? Why does God want to destroy the unbelievers?
6. Describe the hope you find in the Bible. How does this contrast/compare to what you have been told about the book of Revelation?
7. John Hagee prayed the opening prayer at the celebration of the US Embassy move to Jerusalem. Why was he invited to pray the prayer and not someone else? What does his presence there say about the move itself? (I'm not trying to get political here. I'm trying to see if we can examine the relationship between theological views and politics. We may not like talking about the two but Revelation reminds us that the two are often in relationship and even more in opposition to one another.)

Questions you have about Revelation

Please write any you have below and return them to Pastor Kyle.