

## **The Purpose of Grace Growth Groups:**

Growth Groups help you take your next step with God by developing meaningful friendships built around God's Word. As we connect with one another and with God's Word, incredible things take place and we naturally grow. In community, this growth occurs through 4 primary activities:

### **We SHARE Life**

Each week we'll take time to connect and share what is happening in our lives. This will become more natural as we begin to feel more comfortable with one another. Sharing life and accepting each other is essential to the healthy relationships needed for growth groups.

### **We STUDY God's Word**

Each week we'll study the previous week's sermon text, though we will not rehash the sermon. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life. Accountability to God's Word is transformational and brings spiritual growth in our lives. We also take time to seek God in prayer for relevant needs and issues present in our group.

### **We SUPPORT Each Other**

Each week we'll learn how to care for one another as Christ instructed us. People who know each other well, care for each other well. This care will take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging, accountability, advice, and meeting real needs.

### **We SERVE Together**

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. Jesus reminds us that the world will know we're his disciples by our love. The role each member fills in serving one another and the local community is essential; for we were created to serve others, not ourselves. Throughout the semester, we will serve the other members of our group and together the group will serve the local community through one service project.

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION  
Message #41: Praises from Heaven  
Sermon Text: Revelation 19:1-10

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## **Praises from Heaven**

### **2 Observations from Revelation 19:1-10:**

- I. Heaven praises God for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Heaven praises God for the \_\_\_\_\_ Supper of the Lamb.



# Growth Group Guide

For the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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## Fall Growth Group Information:

- **Today begins Week 6 of our Fall Semester of Growth Groups.** Each semester lasts for 15 weeks. Sunday's mark the beginning of each new week.
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## Where to begin...

- **1. Pray, 2. Read Revelation 19:1-10, and 3. Know the context:**

By the end of Revelation 16, John has shared what will occur through the end of the 7-year Tribulation. But, in chapters 17-22 the Lord gives greater revelation to John about other details; including, the rise and fall of the one-world religious government of the Antichrist (17-18), the future Second Coming of Jesus (19), the Millennial Kingdom which follows (20), and finally, the New Heavens and the New Earth (21-22).

## My Story:

1. As people, we love to celebrate; in fact, each of us have our own favorite celebrations during the year. What is one thing that God has done in your life that you love to celebrate?

## Digging Deeper:

1. Revelation 19 is the only place in the New Testament that includes the word *alleluia*, which appears four times. It means "praise the Lord." In verses 1-8 why are they celebrating?

2. Verses 6-9 describes what's known as the "*Marriage Supper of the Lamb*", which occurs when believers are joined to Jesus in such a close relationship that it can only be compared to the marriage of a man and a woman. What do we do to make ourselves ready for this wedding?

3. Verse 10 mentions prophecy. Many things concerning Jesus are prophetic. When you consider that our study in Revelation points to the end of sin and the return of Jesus, and how believers will share in his beauty and glory for eternity; how do these realities inspire you to worship God?

## Taking it Home:

1. As believers, we have much to look forward to with Jesus when he returns. But, our enemy uses many things in our lives to keep our hope and joy far from us. He knows that hope is a powerful tool for the believer; so, what keeps you from being able to have greater joy and hope today?