

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups and Families:

Revelation 6, 8, 15 ~ “Seals, Trumpets & Bowls”

1. What sorts of thoughts or questions about the seals, trumpets and bowls, if any, did you bring with you to the sermon this week? Did the sermon have anything to say to them? What questions remain?
2. Do you struggle with the idea that God uses evil to accomplish His good purposes? If so, why? What does the cross say to this struggle?
3. How do you respond to the idea: *you can't have justice without judgment—they're two sides of the same coin*. Does that ring true? Why or why not? Can you think of specific examples from current events or your own experience?
4. How is the Bible a rescue story?
5. Pastor Bill answered two common objections people have about judgment. First, *No one should ever pray for judgment*, and second, *Judgment is incompatible with love*. How did Bill respond to these objections? Can you think of others? Do you wrestle with these things? How so?
6. What evidence is there that God is patient in judgment? What's the purpose and significance of His patience? What does that mean for you, personally?
7. Do you tend to pray more for God to act swiftly, or for God to be patient? Have you prayed differently at different times in your life? Talk about that.
8. What light do these passages shed on your own personal suffering – past, present and future?