

Read Revelation 8:6-9:19

- At this point in studying Revelation many people get overwhelmed by the symbolism and want to give up trying to understand it. How do you keep from getting discouraged?
- What is happening in our world today that the images of plagues brings to your mind?
- How is God's mercy shown in midst of His awful judgements?
- What do you think the suffering from the demon-locust is intended to accomplish? Why does God cause the people that live for this world to suffer such horrifying torment? When have you seen God use evil to accomplish His purposes?

Read Revelation 9:20-11:19

- Why does God's punishment persuade some people to repent and take ownership for the wrong they have done, and others to get angry and become more entrenched in their rebellion?
- Who are the two witnesses and why are they hated?
- How does the certainty of God's coming kingdom impact the way you live today?
- Why do the "earth dwellers" rejoice at the death of the two witnesses?
- What has been one of the most difficult things about living out your faith in the last 8 weeks?

Bonus questions for serious students

- How does an understanding of the plagues in Exodus 7:1-10:29 and Joel 2:1-13 add to your understanding of the seven trumpets?
- Why is upholding the truth of God's Word increasing the opposition we face in our world today?