



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Revelation*
Message: *Two Cities*

Scripture: *Revelation 14:8,*
3:12

Date: July 14-15, 2018

—[LET'S START]—

Pastor Dale's sermon title this week was, "Two Cities." Do you like to travel? What are some of the favorite cities that you have visited? What did you like about them?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Pastor Dale began his message by saying that spiritually speaking all of us dwell in one of two cities. The first of these cities is revealed to us in Revelation 14:8. Read that passage together as a group and talk about what you remember to be some of the defining characteristics of this city.
2. Read Genesis 11:1-4. What was the mindset, mission, and motive of Babylon?
3. Augustine, the early church father described Babylon as the City of Man. He did so because it is a city based on the love of self, it seeks to glorify human accomplishments, and it vicariously delights in the power of its leaders. How can we avoid living in this city?
4. Read Revelation 21. What does this chapter teach you about the City of God? What does it teach you about God?
5. Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-15. How does living the life that God calls us to live help us to experience, "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?" (Matt. 6:11)
6. Pastor Dale closed his sermon by talking about the parable of the Prodigal Son. Read Luke 15:11-31. What does this parable teach us about the two cities in which we can reside?

—[LET'S ACT]—

The real question for all of us is, "Am I living for the glory of God while I dwell in the cities of men or have I become intoxicated with the wine of Babylon? Have I prostituted what God has given me in exchange for the acceptance, favor and lifestyle of men?"

Take a few moments of silent reflection to think about that question.

Do you need to come home from living in Babylon? If so, this week take the courageous step of asking somebody in your LifeGroup to hold you accountable to come home. Pray, and ask for God's forgiveness. Ask Him to give you the strength to live with the mindset, mission and motive that God has called His children to live with.

Close your time as a group by praying the Lord's Prayer together:

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- This week's sermon focused on the City of man and the City of God. The sermon used passages from throughout the Bible to describe how diametrically opposed these two cities are to each other.
- Below is an outline of this week's sermon:
 - There are really only one of two cities you can live in and one of them is very dangerous because it's going to be destroyed.
 - Babylon is far more than a city. It is a mindset, a mission and a motive.
 - The spirit of Babylon is to make a name for ourselves. It seeks the glory of self over the glory of God.
 - The city of God is a city formed by the love of God. It honors God in all things. It is a city which gives God the glory. It is ruled by Christ Himself. It is a city free of suffering and death. It is a city whose Central Park is the Garden of Eden.
 - The real question is: am I living for the glory of God while I dwell in the cities of men or have I become intoxicated with the wine of Babylon? Have I prostituted what God has given me in exchange for the acceptance, favor and lifestyle of men?

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