



2. THE LAMB'S PEOPLE

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 14:1-5; 15:1-4

Intro:

Apocalypse: Unveiling what was hidden

Revelation unveils the hidden realities of heaven and earth

Revelation 14:1-5; 15:1-4

1. God's King

Psalm 2:1-6, 12 - A declaration of the Victory of Jesus!

Jesus is victorious by acting like a Lamb, not a Lion.

2. The 144,000

144,000 = 12x12x10x10x10

12 tribes of Israel (God's people in the OT) x 12 Disciples (God's people in the NT) x10x10x10 = A lot of God's people!

See Revelation 7:9, 7:14

3. The Mark of the Lamb

The mark of the Lamb is a sign of ownership, and a sign that the character of the lamb is on the bearer.

i. The Lamb's people have an engagement ring (14:4)

Revelation 14:8

When your values and habits and fears and dreams and pursuits all look the same as those who don't know Jesus, then you're not engaged to the lamb, you're in bed with Babylon.

ii. The Lamb's people tell the truth & live in the truth (14:5)

1 Peter 2:22

"Satan" means accuser

Revelation 21 - liars are thrown into the lake of fire

iii. The Lamb's people follow him everywhere (14:4)

Disciples of Jesus don't follow their dreams, their hearts or their culture. They follow the lamb.

iv. The Lamb's people are known by the songs they sing (14:4, 15:2-4)

Conclusion:

Are you one of the Lamb's people?

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Do you write your name on your possessions or mark them in another way? Is it meaningful to you to know that you're marked by Jesus?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Psalm 2-12. This Psalm is the most reference Old Testament passage in the New Testament. Where do you see Jesus in this Psalm?
2. The 144,000 (14:1) refers to those are are marked by the Lamb (the Lamb's people!). We also see them in Revelation 7:4,9-14 (read that passage).
 - There are a few options for understanding who these people are: 1) they could be the believers who have died before us. 2) they could be people who are a part of the "rapture" (as some popular models of the end times suggest), or 3) they could be all believers in their heavenly future. What do you think?
3. Revelation 14:8 says that Babylon tempts people to commit adultery with her (she's also seen as the great "prostitute" in chapter 17). This is obviously a metaphor, but what do you think it means to "cheat" on Jesus? How do you know if you've done that?
4. Our culture has a few popular sayings that often get appropriated by Christians: "Follow your heart" & "follow your dreams" are two of

them. What's the difference between following these and following Jesus? Is there anything wrong with following your dreams? Or following your heart? Why or why not?

Application:

1. Revelation 14-15:4 should have us all examining ourselves and asking, "Am I one of the Lamb's people?" Well, are you? Do you see his mark on yourself? Do you need to repent from cheating on Jesus? Do you need to start telling the truth? Do you need to stop following your own way and start following the lamb? Are you singing his praises?

Prayer:

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