**Small Group Discussion Questions: March 07, 2021**

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The Antichrist & The Mark**

1. The Antichrist and the Mark of the Beast are frequently portrayed in the popular media. What some ways you’ve seen them portrayed?
2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. Some key passages about the Antichrist and the mark of the beast are (2 Thess 2:1-12, Rev 13, Dan 7). What insights about the end times can you gain from these passages?
4. These passages seem to indicate a great persecution of Christians and a great falling-away (apostasy) of the church. What might be some ways in which this could happen?
	1. What are some steps you could take to prepare yourself to endure persecution and resist falling-away?
5. Pastor Keith taught that the beast may be a coalition of kingdoms with the Antichrist at its head. What is you understanding of all this?
6. If the mark of the beast is a reference to allegiance, how might your allegiance to Jesus be challenged in the future?
	1. How has it been challenged in the past?
	2. When does something become a matter of allegiance?