#### INTRO

• What's your gut reaction when you hear the word "judgment"?

**Revelation Unveiled** explores this oftenmisunderstood book, revealing it as a vital source of **faith**, **endurance**, and **hope** for us today.

# READ

Revelation 7:9-17; 10:1-11; 11:15-19 [Leaders: Use the questions below as a guide, not a checklist]

#### **REFLECT & RESPOND**

Revelation is not a scary end-times manual—it's a vision of Christ's victory and the church's calling in the midst of a broken world. The three sets of seven judgments (seals, trumpets, bowls) show God confronting evil and evildoers, but also calling people to repentance through merciful disruption.

Amidst all this, two "interludes" reveal how God seals His people and sends them on mission.

## Interlude I (Rev 7:9-17)

*Q*: What stands out to you in this vision?

Q: What does it mean to be "sealed" by God? Q: How does this vision of a multiethnic multitude give hope and shape your understanding of the church's future?

#### Interlude II (Rev 10:1-11 and 11:1-14)

As 9:20-21 states, judgment alone does not produce repentance, similar to the Exodus plagues that merely hardened Pharaoh's heart.

However, in the next interlude, which is dense with symbolism and detail, the church emerges as a prophetic witness, mirroring the pattern of the slain Lamb through which God's mercy is displayed. As a result, many do come to repentance!

*Q*: Why do you think John is told to "eat the scroll"? What might that symbolize for us today as disciples?

*Q:* How does the Two Witnesses mirror the pattern of Jesus? How does that reframe what faithful witness looks like in our city?

Revelation isn't just about judgment—it's about mercy breaking through. God's answer to a hardened world isn't just disaster, but the faithful, sacrificial witness of His people.

Q: In what ways have you experienced God's presence anchoring you during hardship?Q: How might God be calling you to live out a bold, sacrificial witness in your current context?

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever." (Rev 11:15)

Judgment isn't the end. Justice and restoration are. Evil is removed. The faithful are rewarded. God's reign is made visible. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

## PRAY

- Thanksgiving for being sealed by God's Spirit
- Courage to be faithful witnesses in word and deed
- Compassion for a world in need of repentance and hope
- Strength for those in the group currently experiencing "storms"