

Discussion Questions

To Prophecy the Mystery III . . . and Conquer the Beast

Revelation 11

(What do you like about Jesus?)

“The atonement [the reconciliation of God and humankind through Jesus Christ] is *not* dependent on *our* belief. Our belief is dependent on the *atonement*—that’s how *God* creates belief.”—Peter Hiett

- What have you been taught about the atonement: how we are made right or “at one” with God?
- Do you agree or disagree with the above quote? Why?

“Jesus announces the atonement—‘My body broken and my blood shed.’ We all wonder: ‘What now?’ And Jesus says, ‘Just eat it!’ He says, ‘Eat it and testify. Eat it and be my witnesses. Eat the Word and prophesy the mystery.’”—Peter Hiett

- What does it mean to you to “Just eat it?”
- So, that’s your job... to eat it and testify; how are you doing?

Take a moment to write out a small list that answers these questions:

- What keeps you from witnessing more often to unbelievers around you?
- If you believe Jesus is Savior of **all**, what keeps you from sharing that message more often with other churchgoers around you?

In this sermon, Peter mentioned that before we testify, it is important to digest the Word.

- Why do you think this important?
- Have you or someone else ever spoken the Word before digesting it? How did that go? What did you learn from that experience?

John is a great example of how God works His Word into our lives and helps us learn how to digest it—even when we’re not certain how to. Early on in John’s life he had anger management issues. “John asked Jesus if He could call down fire on his enemies. And then the Fire of God descended on John, for Jesus turned to John, rebuked John and said, “*You do not know what manner of spirit (pneuma, breath) you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy...but to save*” (Luke 9:55-56 NKJV). It burned away John’s ego and turned him into the Apostle of Love. To digest the Word is to be humbled by the Word, and then, speak the Word... John’s request was answered; he did call down fire on Samaria—He baptized Samaria in the Holy Spirit that’s fire.—Peter Hiett

We are all in the process of learning what it means to testify!

- Are there any areas you feel tempted to call down fire on your enemies but maybe it’s the wrong kind of fire? Ask God to reveal those; invite God to replace your fire with His fire.
- What dangers can you see in just speaking the Word without digesting it?
- What truths about God do you feel you’ve already digested? How do you know?
- Share some aspects or truths about God that you think you still need to digest.

With the Word we’ve already digested, testifying doesn’t have to be complicated it can be as simple as bearing witness to the truth in us, and telling people why we like Jesus.

- What bears witness as truth within you that you feel excited about sharing with others?

This week, try to connect with a friend who likes Jesus. Pray for each other, pray that God will reveal what eating and testifying to His Word might look for you during this stage of life and that He will open your eyes to opportunities to share why you like Jesus with others.

**These questions were created by Kimberly Weynen*