Discussion Questions Don't Miss the Millennium Revelation 20:1-10

(Share about one of the happiest moments in your life)

- In life, right now, do you generally feel happy?
- What do you think fosters happiness?
- What do you think hinders it?
- In your opinion, what and when is the Millennium: when do saints, "live and reign" on the earth?
- Ask yourself: "What would it look like to rule and reign on the earth?
 - What do you picture yourself, Jesus, and others doing?
 - How might your life be the same as what it is right now?
 - How might it be different?

In [Revelation] verse 5 and to clarify, John writes, "This is the first resurrection," as if his listeners in Ephesus and Asia Minor would know what that means. Paul had written to Ephesus saying, "You have been raised with Christ." In his gospel, John taught that whoever believes has eternal life—as if they had already been "begotten from above." "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brothers (and sisters)," wrote John in his Epistle.—P.H.

Read: Ephesians 2:5-6, Col. 2:15-16, 3:1, John 5:24, John 11:25-26

- Do you think it is possible that right now we could be living in the Millennium, experiencing the Millennial Reign of Christ? Explain.
- What do you think it looks like to rule and reign with Christ right here and now—to live as "resurrected" in Him rather than "dead" in our transgressions & sins?

"If I were to rule and reign on earth, it would mean that either I got God to do my will, or God got me to do His will."—P.H.

- If you got your will what might that look like?
- If God got what He wills what might that look like?
- Think about it for a moment: if you willed what God wills, what would change? Would anything change? Explain.
- Can you think of anyone who consistently willed the will of God freely?
- What might that tell us about the Will of God?
- Do you think you are living out God's Will in your life?
- Do you think God is living out His will in your life?

If I willed what God wills, what would change? Well, God already "accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will." (Eph. 1:11) So, nothing would change . . . except me: I would be happy. I would "enter His Rest." I would be insanely happy and I would begin to love in freedom; I would be happy and holy. — P.H.

Jesus longs for you to be happy! And He prayed, "Father not my will but yours be done," and He also taught *us* to pray, "*Your* kingdom come, *your* will be done..." Prayer seems to play an important role in us experiencing the Will of God in our lives and the joy that comes with that.

• If you like, take a moment to tell God about *your* longings & *your* dreams; then let *Him* speak *His* longings & dreams into you. Invite Him to help you pray as Jesus prayed: "Father not *my* will but *yours* be done;" "*Your* kingdom come, *your* will be done..."

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