

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Another Sequence

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These general questions are to be used by individuals or groups throughout the summer break.

1. Read the main passage from this week's sermon. Are you familiar with the book from which the passage is drawn? If not, read the introduction to the book in a study Bible or go to <https://www.biblica.com/resources/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/>.
Who were the author and the recipients? What were the issues being addressed, and where were they taking place? What are some keywords in the passage?
2. What do you see as the speaker's emphasis or main point in this week's sermon?
3. How does this sermon and main passage apply to you, and what is God directing you to change?
4. Which one of the seven stages of "The Pathway" journey does the sermon and the main passage address? What actions can you take to implement this Pathway stage?

Reminder: The Pathway – "Invest & Invite" Matthew 5:13-16, "Experience" John 4:23-24, "Rooted" Colossians 2:6-7, "Community" Acts 2:42-47, "Equip" Colossians 1:28, "Ministry" Ephesians 2:10, and "Multiply" 2 Timothy 2:2.
5. What about Jesus could be attractive to those who don't know Him? Who will you share Him with this week?
6. Invite someone over or share a meal with the intent to talk about this week's sermon. For example: What does it teach us about God or ourselves? What are some things we can do to stir our affections for the Lord?

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- I. When He comes, **Jesus** will bring some **people** with Him.
Rev 6:15-17; 19:11-15;
Matt 24:44-51;
II Pet 3:3-4, 10-14;
Acts 17:1-9; Zech 14:4, 9
 - A. He will **bring** with Him those who have **fallen asleep** in Him.
 1. **Fallen asleep:** Jn 11:11-14; Ps 13:3
 2. **In Him:** Eph 1:13-14
 3. **Bring with:** Phil 1:21-24
 - B. They'll be the **first** to **rise**. Rev 6:9-11
- II. "**After that**" another group of **people** will be **gathered** to their Lord.
 - A. After the **dead** in Christ are **raised**, "we" who are still **alive** will meet them in the **air**.
 - B. Living **believers** will be "**caught up**" to meet them. Acts 8:39; II Cor 12:2-4;
Rom 14:17;
Jn 5:24-29; 11:43-44;
Ex 19:16-17; I Cor 15:50-52;
Rev 4:1; 12:6-7; Jude 9;
Dan 12:1; Lk 21:22; Jer 30:7
- III. **Encourage** one another with these **words**. Heb 10:24-25; I Jn 2:28