

Week 6: The War Behind the War

In Revelation 12-14 John shifts his view towards a cosmic battle taking place in the heavenly realms that plays out in things on earth. The enemy seeks to distract, deceive, and distort our view of God, with the hopes of leading us to misplace our faith in things of this world. We're called to live uncompromising lives in a world full of compromise. And by the blood of the lamb we have victory to stand true in God's power and His grace.

Discussion Questions:

- Revelation 12–14 presents a cosmic battle between good and evil with no middle ground. How do you see this spiritual battle play out in your everyday life? In what ways are you tempted to sit on the fence?
- 2. The enemy deceives through counterfeits that look like the real thing (e.g., the second beast that looks like a lamb). How can we train ourselves to recognize spiritual deception? What are some modern "false saviors" that we're tempted to trust?
- 3. Revelation 12 shows that Satan, though defeated, is still raging against God's people. How does this truth help you make sense of suffering, trials, or spiritual attacks in your life?
- 4. The "mark of the beast" may be more symbolic than literal—representing those who align with the world. What are some signs or "marks" in our lives that reveal where our true allegiance lies?
- 5. Twice in chapters 13 and 14, believers are urged to "endure and remain faithful." What does endurance look like in your current season of life? What are some habits or disciplines that help you stay anchored in Christ?
- 6. Growing in Christ requires intentionally. What's one area in your life where God might be calling you to fight compromise and pursue a deeper obedience?