



## Sermon Discussion Questions

### "The Vision of the 7 Seals"

Revelation 6-8:1

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Optional Opener:

With what kind of horse do you most identify: Clydesdale? Thoroughbred? Mustang? Pony? Donkey? How so?

1. Who or what might each of the horse riders represent (6:1-8)? How so?
2. In what sense do the first three horse riders lead to the fourth?

How have these forces – conquest, strife, scarcity and death – operated throughout history? For example, what has happened historically in the wakes of powerful leaders when such a leader takes or re-takes control of a place and people? Is there usually agreement or resistance from that place and people?

3. What does the opening of the fifth seal reveal (6:9-11)? How is this related to the suffering or tribulation of the Christians in John's time?
4. What happens when the sixth seal is broken (6:12-17)?
5. What is the message of the fifth angel (7:2-3)? For background reference, see Genesis 4:15; Ezekiel 9:4-6; Ephesians 1:13-14.
6. Read 7:9-17 aloud, perhaps this time taking turns in the group. How do you describe what is happening in what John sees here?

Practical Application:

7. What seal makes the greatest impression on you and why?
8. What areas of life if any do you tend to "resist" God? How can you as a group help each other in these areas, to move toward "openness" to God?
9. What is your greatest point of suffering or tribulation? How difficult does it now look after hearing and contemplating anew God's word in 7:9-17?
10. What challenge or opportunity might you be facing this upcoming week and how will you now, in light of this passage of Revelation, approach it any differently?