



## Sermon Discussion Questions

### "The Vision of the 7 Trumpets"

Revelation 8-9; 11:14-19

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Optional Opener:

When home alone, do you like it quiet or do you like to have some background noise going? Why?

Questions:

1. A censer (8:3) is a container in which incense is burned. What do incense and altars teach about prayer (8:3-5; see 5:8; 6:9-10)? What does John see happening in 8:4?
2. What are the events that follow the sounding of each of the trumpets (8:7-10)? What do the trumpets signify, triumph or doom? Life or death? Or what? How so?
3. What does the seventh trumpet herald? How is this announcement a "good news / bad news" event?
4. For what is God worshipped (11:17)?

Practical Application:

5. What do you think about Christians praying for trouble to strike the unbelieving world? What do you think of God's answer to such prayers?
6. When was the last time you tried silent meditation on God or cried out to him for justice? What was your experience?

What current events can you pray about to then quietly listen for God? What current events can you cry out to God for his justice? [Let us remember and pray for the persecuted Christians, particularly those in parts of the world where tribulation is not unlike those at the time of Revelation.]

Your mission this week should you choose to accept:

Take a moment to (re) familiarize yourself with the persecuted church: [www.idop.org/en](http://www.idop.org/en). Talk with one person this week about those who suffer persecution and violence because they profess Jesus Christ as Lord. The point is to raise awareness and to pray together if you can.