

GOD'S PEOPLE. GOD'S MISSION.



Sunday, October 6, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Mike Hanafee

Part 1: The Big Picture

Revelation 7:9-12

Eternity is about

God being GLORIFIED (v. 9-10)

for HIS salvation (v. 10)

by ALL PEOPLES! (v. 9ff)

Jesus wants that **NOW** (Matthew 6:10)

He gave us CLEAR marching orders! (Acts 1:8)

2 Kinds of Churches:

Jerusalem

Antioch

Wawasee Bible

- 1. It's All About Jesus!
- 2. God Wrote It All Down.
- 3. All People Matter!
- 4. We All Need Friends.
- 5. No Sacred Cows.

Getting Started

1. **Getting to Know You:** What is your earliest memory of church? Have you ever been part of a "multiplying" church or a church plant? What were those days like?

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

- 2. For anyone who wasn't there on Sunday, share with your group about what Jesus is doing in Detroit in and through Restore Church!
- 3. **Read Revelation 7:9-12.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

4. We're starting a new series looking at the nature and mission of the Church. As God's Family, his Church has a mission. And as we heard this week that mission is rooted in and for God's glory! What do the following passages tell us about God and his glory?

Hebrews 1:3 Isaiah 48:11

a. At Wawasee we express this by saying, "It's All About Jesus!" How does Jesus reflect the glory of God?

Colossians 1:15-20 John 3:35-36 John 16:13-15

- 5. Wawasee Bible is part of the Evangelical Free Church of America. The EFCA purpose statement is that We exist to glorify God by multiplying transformational churches among all people. We saw this week that God will continually receive glory for his salvation from all peoples for all eternity! Read Revelation 7:9-12 again. What do you picture as you read that?
 - a. Revelation describes the culmination of God's eternal will and purpose for his people, and gives a glimpse of what life will be like in Heaven. We often think of all that being far off and in the future. **Read Matthew 16:9-10.** Is that only something God wants for the future?
 - b. What would a church of "all peoples" look like in the Greater Wawasee Area?
 - c. If that's what we're to pray for, what does *your* part look like in both praying for it and seeing that happen? ("...at Wawasee, as it is in Heaven...")
- 6. What characterized the two kinds of churches that Pastor Mike taught about—Jerusalem and Antioch? What does a transformational church for all peoples look like?
- 7. Close by praying for each other, for our church, and for our community.

PRAYER GUIDE

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Milford First Brethren Church.

Multiplication Focus

- Consider setting a silent alarm on your phone this week at 9:38 AM each day to remind you to pray for churches to be multiplied.
 (Matthew 9:38 "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.")
- Pray that God would raise up workers at Wawasee as we make disciples who make disciples.
- Pray for workers who would be sent out into the harvest as church planters, core team members, prayer warriors and financial supporters.

Personal Prayer items									

Word Find for Revelation 7:9-12 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne

and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the **angels** were **standing** around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen"

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