

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE LAST SEVEN
Revelation 15:1-8
Revelation — Week 20

ICEBREAKER: How well do you receive criticism from others? Why do most people fear honest feedback and evaluation?

OVERVIEW: Theologian J.I. Packer wrote, “Ignorance of God — ignorance both of His ways and the practice of communion with Him — lies at the root of much of the church’s weakness today.” How deep is your understanding of God’s character, ways, and purposes? Do you know what pleases Him, and what displeases Him? Do you want to know more? The surprising truth is that we can know God more, and that He wants us to know Him more. We just have to seek Him. In this discussion we will take a deeper look at God’s character as revealed in Revelation 15.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. What are the obstacles to knowing God?
3. What would like to know more about God?
4. What kinds of problems are caused by ignorance of God?

5. Read Revelation 15:3-4.
 - a. What can we learn about God from verse 3?
 - b. Do you ever doubt that God is “just”? Why?
 - c. How can God be “King of the nations” if Satan is the “ruler of this world (Jn 12:31)”?
 - d. What can we learn about God from verse 4?
 - e. Why should we be thankful that God is holy and righteous?
6. What is the biggest misunderstanding about God in our culture today?
7. What’s the best way to grow in your knowledge of God?

The Last Word: “Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfold, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul.” J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

