

MOOREBANK & HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Passage: Revelation 14

Take a moment to reflect on your present life situation. What is your greatest problem?

Read Revelation 14:1-5

1. Who are these 144,000? How does Revelation 7:1-9 inform your answer?
2. What are these people like? [Hint that they are virgins is not depicting sexual celibacy but rather is an image of purity and faithfulness]. What is the picture that emerges of them in v4-5? How does this inform the sort of people we should be?
3. Why do they sing?

Read Revelation 14:6-13 Three Heralds

4. What is the message of the first angel?
 - a. How would you explain the 'eternal gospel' to someone?
 - b. What responses to the gospel are mentioned in this verse? How would you explain them?
5. If 'Babylon' is symbolic of pagan opposition to God - what is the message of the second angel?
6. Read back in chapter 13, who wears the beast's mark? What does this lead to?
7. Why do you think Revelation (and Jesus throughout his ministry) give such awful depictions of judgment (Mark 9:43-48; Matthew 25:29-30, 41-46 etc)?
8. Recognising that fire and sulfur may well be a metaphor, apocalyptic imagery, what do they symbolize? What reality is being conveyed here?

Read Revelation 14:14-20 – Two Harvests

9. Some claim that one of these harvests is for judgment and the other for salvation. Others see the second harvest further explaining the first i.e. both referring to judgment. In any case, what do the harvests reveal about the future of our world? How is this different to other world views?
10. What does the image of the winepress convey about the judgment of God? Why is this important for persecuted Christians to know?
11. Are you confident you know what your future will be on the Day of Judgment? Why / why not?

Prayer

Discuss something that was brought to your mind in the sermon on Sunday.