

## Life Group Bible Study

### **Open / Scripture**

1. What piece of clothing (bathrobe, tennis togs, 3 piece suit, jeans, etc) do you feel expresses your personality best? How do you feel when wearing it?

### **Observation**

1. As you read this passage (Revelation 7:9-17) what verse, phrase, or picture jumps out at you, causes you to celebrate, raises questions, or clarifies something?
2. What does John see next? How does he describe the size of the crowd? Is this the same multitude as the 144,000 in 7:4? Why or why not? What are they doing? Wearing? Carrying?
3. When the multitude cries out, how do the angels, elders and the four living creatures respond? What does all this say about God's kingdom and Christ's sacrifice?
4. What qualifies this white robed crowd to stand before God? What is their new role? What is their future? How would this encourage the Christians of John's day? Of our day?
5. Is "the great tribulation" (7:14) a particular event or a general experience? Is the safety and service of these Christians a present life experience for them, or only a promise to be realized in some vague and distant future? Or both?

### **Apply**

1. What sort of seal has God placed on your life? How is this seal evident to other Christians? To non-Christians?
2. What is your greatest tribulation or persecution? How does God's majesty, pictured here, enhance or diminish that tribulation or persecution? How can you incorporate this glimpse of heavenly worship into your earthly walk?

### **Prayer**

Who can you bless with this information?

What do you need to discuss with your life group?

What can we pray with you about? (What does the Spirit need to heal? What does the Spirit need to embolden?)

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### **Daily Devotional** (optional preparation exercise)

<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 149	<b>Tuesday</b>	Revelation 7:2-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matthew 5:1-12	<b>Thursday</b>	Romans 5:3-5
<b>Friday</b>	1 Peter 2:12	<b>Saturday</b>	Ephesians 6:10-20
<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 24:7-10		

### **Accountability** (optional exercise - ask one)

**Inviting** people to Know Christ - Are you learning to be intentional about sharing Jesus with neighbors? Are you praying for a 3:1:M friend? How are they doing? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

**Keeping** connected to Christ - Are you building an interactive relationship with God? In your private prayer and devotional time, what are you learning or experiencing? How are you Knowing Christ in worship? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

**Moving** to serve with Christ - Are you showing up? How are you making community and teamwork important to your life? How's your commitment to small group and worship going? Are you your gifts to serve the Community surrounding us?