

APPLY

- In your own words, explain what “living in a fallen world” actually means.
- As believers or followers of Jesus, we are told over and over again not to live for the “world.” In Revelation 18:4, John writes, “come out of her, my people...”.
 - But what does it actually mean to “come out of the world?” Does it mean that we just stop doing “bad things?”
 - How then should we treat those who haven’t “come out.”
 - How should we engage culture and society as those who have “come out?”
- Is it possible to be a believer, or claim to be a follower of Jesus, and yet still be taking part in the sins of the world? Yes, No, and why?

DISCUSSION CLOSE/HOMEWORK

1 John 2:16-17 says, “For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

- Verse 16 describes and summarizes the ways of the “world,” but in verse 17 John seems to indicate the solution to not partaking in the sins of the “world” is to do the will of God.
 - What does doing the will of God mean in this context?

GROUP PRAYER FOCUS

- Let’s pray for hope, patience, protection, and wisdom!



HOPE 19

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Week 19: Exit the World. Enter the Kingdom
Key Text: Revelation 18

OPEN

As one commentator writes, “While the final verses of ch. 17 warn of Rome’s impending demise, ch. 18 details its destruction. Kings, merchants, and seafarers offer a dirge for the once-great city. If Christ is to reclaim the earth for himself and subjugate it for the sake of the Father, he must deal a death blow to the world system that has pervaded human culture, conditioning, directing, and empowering it in rebellion to God. That world system is Babylon. In the previous chapter, her demise was promised. In this one she falls under the strong hand of God, burned up with fire so that she lies silent forever. This chapter sets up the heavenly rejoicing that ensues in the next.” - Faithlife Study Bible

REFLECT

- In Rev 18:4, the angel says “depart, go out from there” which alludes to Isa 52:11. Look up the original prophetic context and note why the people of God are to “come out” from the pagan city.
- What groups join in lamentation of Babylon’s fall (vv 11-19)? Why is there lament so severe? In contrast, who joins in rejoicing in its overthrow and why are they rejoicing? (vs 20)