

# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 9, 2020



## Leave Your Hermit Hole

Revelation 10-11:6

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## Get to Know You

What one dessert/candy do you always overeat, and in so doing, give yourself a stomach ache?

## Study the Book

### Lesson Summary

**Even if your world becomes entirely hostile to God's invitation, be entirely courageous in offering it.**

**God's kind of life in this kind of world will always be a bittersweet experience.**

Read Revelation 10:8-10

How do we know that not everything was revealed to John in this apocalyptic vision from Revelation 10 (v. 4)?

What was John told to do with the scroll the angel gave him?  
What Old Testament prophet also received this command?

How would you explain to a first-grader what it means for something to be bittersweet?

## **Sweet fellowship with God can sustain you during bitter experiences with this world.**

Read Revelation 11:1-2

What is John told to measure?

Ezekiel was also given a vision with the same task. What did this mean in Ezekiel's prophecy?

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*John says he saw their inner court measured and their outer court trampled. To be measured is to be treated like you count and to be trampled means to be treated like you don't count. Their inner court was their fellowship with God and with each other. They were fortified by the Lord's Supper, encouraged by the Word, and strengthened by worship. Their outer court was their interaction with a world that John saw had become thoroughly hostile to them.*

*Pastor Tom*

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How then will the church experience the sweetness and bitterness of the little scroll?

## **When the going gets tough, the tough get sowing.**

Read Revelation 11:3-6

How does the description of the two witnesses relate to other prophets and passages in Scripture?

No matter how one interprets these verses, the result is the work of the Lord will be made known.

## Group Application Discussion

As a group, write out the first verse of the worship song *Days of Elijah*. What does it mean for us if we are the people of the last two lines as we claim to be when we sing this song?

Do you naturally want to hide in a hermit hole or embrace the mess of this world?

How do you react when thinking about sharing the gospel?

## Personal Reflection and Application

Who do you know that needs to hear the gospel? Pray and commit to sharing the good news with them this week.