

# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 8, 2020



## The Long Shadow of Our Imperishable Deeds

Revelation 14

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## Get to Know You

What's your favorite place to sing by yourself? What genre of music do you usually sing?

## Study the Book

The visions found in chapter fourteen conclude the series of visions that began in chapter twelve.

As a group, take a few minutes to look in your Bibles at chapters twelve and thirteen. Quickly review some of the elements of these visions.

**Those who belong to God will celebrate the victory that Jesus has made possible.**

Read Revelation 14:1-5.

What is the biggest difference between the 144,000 in chapter seven and the 144,000 in chapter fourteen?

The 144,000 are described as singing victoriously before the throne, four living creatures, and elders.

What were some of the things they faced at this point in John's visions?

Do these things sound like victory? How did they obtain victory?

## **God perfectly judges those who will to not belong to him.**

Read Revelation 14:6-20.

How does John describe God's judgment in these verses?

*God's judgment illuminates God's justice.*

Where does the basis for God's judgment lie? (Romans 3:23 & 6:23)

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*We are rescued from hell upon receiving the offer of Christ's salvation, but rejecting that offer simply keeps you moving toward the same judgment you've always been moving toward.*

*Pastor Tom*

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*God's judgment illuminates God's love.*

God was under no compulsion to provide us a way out of judgment.

Have someone quote John 3:16.

*God's judgment illuminates God's mercy.*

If hell is the inevitable consequence of God's perfect justice, and rescue from hell is the showcase of God's love, then any delay of judgment is an act of divine mercy.

## **Group Application Discussion**

Revelation 14:10 speaks of the wine of God's wrath that is poured into the cup of His anger. Read Matthew 26:39. How might these figurative cups be related?

Share a word or phrase of praise and response to this Good News of sacrifice that Christ has made.

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

Have you accepted this gift of salvation? If not, talk to your group leader today.