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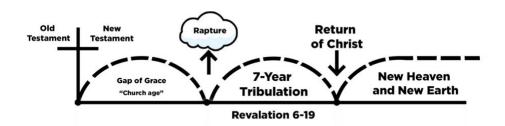
Valley Church

Week 7 – The Voice of Paul Part 2

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12		

1 John 4:3

but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.



Judges 17:6

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

Life Application:			

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS OR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

As we continue to learn about and discuss the subject of Jesus bringing the fullness of His eternal Kingdom to earth, what are some of your personal thoughts about current events and whether or not we are witnessing so-called "signs of the times?" Discuss...

What does it mean to interpret the headlines through the lens of Scripture rather than interpreting Scripture through the headlines?

Ponderings:

The prefix "anti" means both "against" and "in place of." John the Apostle says that the "spirit of antichrist" is already at work in the world today (1 John 4:3). What do you suppose he means by this and how do you see it with your own eyes?

Re-read **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12** as a group. What are some things you remember from the weekend message – or perhaps that wasn't covered in the message – that you would like to discuss?

2 Thessalonians 2:9 says that the reason people perish in judgment is because they "refused to love the truth and be saved." The influence of postmodernism is largely eroding the pursuit of truth in our culture. How is this impacting the realm of morality and making it easier to call good evil and evil good? Discuss...

Promptings:

With so many of our minds focused on the upcoming elections, what are the limits and liabilities of politics in our quest to "fix" problems? Do you believe that the Gospel truly is the only possible means of "fixing" societal ills, or do you see it differently?

How does the current state of chaotic political affairs motivate you to focus the bulk of your efforts on advancing the Gospel rather than being overly focused on politics? Discuss...