

Small Group Sermon Discussion Questions

Living as People of Hope

Dr. Glenn Kreider | October 18, 2026 | RPC Central Campus

Scripture Passage: Revelation 17–18

Have different members of your group read the text aloud, prior to starting discussion.

Possible Icebreaker: What is something you have enjoyed looking forward to, and how did that anticipation shape what you did while you waited?

1. What do we learn about Jesus' authority and character from this passage? How might that shape our response living in this world? Revelation 17
2. What do we learn about "Babylon the Great" from this passage and sermon? What does she represent and what pursuits and traits are repeated throughout Rev. 17:1-18:24?
3. Dr. Kreider explained that judgment is necessary for a kingdom of righteousness and peace. How does Revelation 18:4–14 help us understand what God opposes and why that matters?
4. What warning is God giving the church in Revelation 18:4-9? Who is being glorified in verse 7? How can we tell the difference between glorifying ourselves and glorifying God?
5. What does Jesus pray for specifically and repeatedly regarding His followers who remain in the world. What would it look like for our group to help one another live this out in our friendships, workplaces and neighborhoods? John 17:15–18
6. Dr. Kreider encouraged us from Jeremiah 29:7, to put down roots and seek the good of the community where God has placed us. Prayerfully consider some of the needs our small group could respond to this month as an expression of our hope in Jesus? Consider serving together or helping with Men of Nehemiah, Embrace Grace Baby Shower &/or Feed the Hunger!

For next steps & further application:

Head — Remember who reigns. Read Revelation 17–18 this week and memorize Revelation 17:14. When life, news or circumstances stir anxiety, pause and remember what this verse tells you about Jesus.

Heart — Reflect, pray and/or journal: "Where am I being unfaithful to Christ in my thoughts, words &/or deeds? Confess and repent as needed.

Hands — Put Jeremiah 29:7 into action! Pray for one neighbor by name, then listen for a need you can help meet through a meal, an errand, encouragement, or time. At your next gathering, share what you learned about loving the people God has placed nearby.