Beyond Sunday

Voices of Christmas — 12.7.25

Woman, Baby, Dragon — Revelation 12 — Mark Tumney

Gather

These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.

· When you picture Christmas, what's the first image that comes to mind?

Grow

These questions guide your group through scripture from Sunday's Sermon. Sharing observations to lead to greater understanding of scripture and God's work in our lives.

Read Revelation 12:1-6

- How does this heavenly perspective deepen or change your understanding of Christmas compared to the traditional accounts in Matthew and Luke?
- · How does the text also show God's care and protection in that wilderness?
- · Looking again at verse 4:
 - What does this reveal about the reality of spiritual opposition to God's purposes?
 - How does recognizing this help you interpret moments of hardship or resistance in your own life?

Looking again at verses 12:7-12

- How does this passage help you understand the existence of spiritual conflict in the world?
- In what ways does it challenge modern assumptions that only the physical realm is "real"?

Read Revelation 12:13-17

Despite the dragon's fury, the woman is given wings and help from the earth to escape harm.

- What does this imagery emphasize about God's protection of His people, even when they are under pressure?
- Where have you seen God sustain you through seasons of difficulty or spiritual attack?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply the sermon take-aways to how we will give back to God and go share what we've learned through application and life change.

- As we move toward Christmas, what is one way this cosmic perspective on Christ's coming can shape how you approach the season—your worship, your relationships, or your sense of hope?
- Where do you see the "wilderness" described in verses 5–6 reflected in your own life or in the life of the church today?

Prayer

Revelation 12 presents a church that suffers, an enemy who rages, and a Savior who reigns.

• Which of these themes speaks most directly to where you are right now, and how can the group pray for you in that area?

Going Deeper

If you are interested exploring the themes of this week a bit deeper, check out one of these resources.

- O Read EPHESIANS 6:10-18 daily and use it as a guide to pray through the Armor of God
 - https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/? search=Ephesians%206%3A10-18&version=NIV
- O Study the **ARMOR OF GOD** using a YouVersion Bible Plan (short daily devotional)
 - ◆ https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/25281
- O Watch the Bible Project's Description of REVELATION Chapters 12-22
 - ♦ https://bibleproject.com/videos/revelation-12-22/