

**CP— 10/13/24**

**Revelation 7:9–12 – The Multitude and the Mission**

**1. The Multitude before the Throne**

- \*Their number: vast and countless
- \*Their diversity: from all peoples
- \*Their position: standing before God (in Christ's righteousness)
- \*Their condition: white robes (in Christ's purity and holiness)
- \*Their celebration: palm branches (in Christ's victory)
- \*Their song: Salvation belongs to our God!
- \*Their only shared trait: the Lamb!

**2. The Mission from the Throne**

- \*All peoples were created to know God. They can only know Him through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- \*The mission has not changed. The mission is not finished. The mission will be completed. God will complete His mission.
- \*The church does not have a mission; the mission has a church.

**Application**

- \*Wherever we live, anyone can be saved for God's glory through the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- \*Wherever we go, anyone can be saved for God's glory through the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- \*Our life's purpose is to know God and join Him in His mission for all peoples to know Him.

**Small Group Discussion**

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. Who is the multitude before God's throne in Revelation 7? Discuss the different aspects of the crowd (their number, diversity, position, etc.). Which aspect(s) resonated the most with you? Why?

3. What is the only trait that everyone in the multitude shared with everyone else (related to the Lamb/saved because of the Lamb)? Why is this aspect so important in promoting/maintaining unity in the global church and our local church? Discuss.
4. What does the multitude tell us about God's mission? What is God's mission? How does Revelation 7 communicate that the mission is not yet finished but will be completed one day? Discuss the meaning of the phrase "the church does not have a mission; the mission has a church."
5. Why is it so important that we remind ourselves of God's mission and our role in it? How does God's mission give us hope and clarity in our evangelism and missions work? What is our responsibility? Pray that we would be faithful to God's mission.