

## SOUNDS OF HEAVEN

Pastor Dave Bechtel | Revelation 19:1-7a

- I. Heaven sounds much different than earth Rom 12:2
- A. From earth, cursing and woes Rev 16:10-11, 21;  
Rev 6:15-17;  
Rev 18:10, 16-17, 19
- B. From heaven, praise Rev 4:8, 10-11, 5:11-12, 13;  
Ps 22:22
- II. Praise happens when joy overflows Luke 10:21; Matt 12:34b
- A. Joy builds with contributing elements Ps 100:4; 118:24;  
II Chron 7:1-3; Luke 1:67;  
Luke 2:20; Ps 62:11-12,  
Rom 15:13; I Thess 5:16
- B. Add any God - connection
- III. Disapproval kills joy
- A. Cursing and woes Jer 17:9; Luke 16:19-31,  
Matt 25:24-30;  
Heb 3:7-19; Gen 3:12
- B. No praise Ps 6:5; 42:5-6, 11,  
I Cor 2:14-15; 3:3

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

*The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).*

*Note: There will be modified small group questions on Dec 20 and no questions on Dec 27.*

### RELATE

1. Quote last week's memory verse (1 Thessalonians 5:16). When has it come to mind this week? (Bonus: as a group, sing either of the Hee Haw songs.)

### REVIEW

1. Share any truth, application or idea from the sermon that challenged or confused you.
2. Compare the "Heart of woe" and the "Heart of Praise."
3. What is "praise?" What are some non-religious ways people praise?
4. Praise includes, among other aspects, approval. Disapproval is a praise and joy killer. What do the earth-dwellers in Revelation disapprove of?

## DIG

1. Read Hebrews 3:7-19. What was the sin of the people in this passage? As a group review the history of the Israelites as they left the bondage of Egypt and headed for the Promised Land (see Numbers 14):
  - What did God do for them?
  - What did God reveal about Himself?
  - What had God promised them?
  - What was their response?
  - How is that response similar to the concept of disapproval?

## APPLICATION

1. What puts you into disapproval mode and kills your joy? Be specific.
2. We tend to over-spiritualize the idea of praising God. What are some everyday ways you can praise God publicly?
3. How often do you express approval of God to others? What might you do to increase your public praise of God?