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"The Victory Ride!"
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Revelation 19

Revelation 19:11 *"…there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war."*
Colossians 2:15 *"…having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross!"*

SERMON NOTES:

Read the back of the book! He wins!

Home Group Discussion Questions

History (Making it Personal)

1. Talk about the "rescue motif" that is so common in our stories, our language, our imaginations. What is your favorite movie? How does the rescue story come through?
2. Talk about a season in your life where you would not have survived unless someone stepped into "rescue" or sustain you. What were your emotions during that time? How did you respond after the fact?
3. What has been your personal experience with spiritual warfare? Do you know much about it? Do you understand it? How has the victory of Christ helped you? What do you need to learn? What scriptures have encouraged you on this topic?

Digging Deeper (Looking to the Bible)

4. Read our text: Revelation 19:1-21
5. Talk about the victory celebration that takes place on the day of the "wedding" of the Lamb! What stands out to you? What speaks? What encourages? What questions do you have?
6. Talk about the imagery of the bride. Both Old and New Testaments use this metaphor to describe our relationship to God. How should seeing yourself (us) as engaged to the Lamb affect our daily life? Read Matthew 25:1-13 and John 14:1-3. What anticipation should we live with? Do we? Why or why not?
7. Revelation 19 talks of the final victory being declared. Talk about the imagery of the white stallion vs. the donkey of Matthew 21:1-11. What is the difference in these two grand entries of Christ? Which Jesus have you heard more about?
8. What is the significance of the tattoo on Jesus' thigh? What do these words tell us about His authority and power?
9. The final battle is won with the sword coming from the mouth of Christ. The WORD is the final weapon. Read Ephesians 6:10-20 and talk about the effect and power of the Word in our spiritual warfare.
10. Refer back to Jesus initial victory over Satan: Matthew 4 & Luke 4. How did Jesus "do battle" with Satan? What does this tell us about the struggle for our own victory and purity?
11. Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-5 and talk about the strategy for winning the battle against Satan.
12. The final battle ends without ever having been "fought!" Jesus speaks the victory – and it is done! Read Matthew 16:19 and talk about the authority we have in Christ. Why do we hesitate to speak into these areas with authority?

Taking It Home (Application)

13. Satan is strong but I John 4:4 promises that Jesus is greater! Spend some time in prayer – that we would recognize and appropriate the authority and power we have in the name of Christ. Pray for WPC and for the city of Kelowna. What might the rule and reign of Christ look like here?