

Small Group Study Guide: “The Sealing of the 144,000” – Revelation 7:1–8

Open with Prayer Requests and Prayer

Icebreaker: “Have you ever had something valuable marked or sealed for protection?”

- Share a time when you marked or sealed something to show it belonged to you or to protect it.
- How did that marking give you confidence or assurance?
- Transition: Today, we’ll look at how God marks His people for protection and purpose in Revelation 7.

Scripture Focus:

Read Revelation 7:1–8 together as a group.

Discussion Questions:

1. A Divine Pause in Judgment

- Why do you think God pauses judgment before the seventh seal is broken?
- What does this pause reveal about God's heart in the midst of judgment?
- How does the image of sealing show God's care for His people?

2. The Meaning and Message of the Seal

- What is the seal placed on the foreheads of God's servants (see Rev. 14:1)?
- How does this seal represent ownership, protection, and allegiance?
- How does the sealing in Revelation compare to the mark described in Ezekiel 9:4–6?

3. Who Are the 144,000?

- What are the different interpretations about the identity of the 144,000?
- Why might some tribes (like Dan and Ephraim) be excluded from the list?
- What do you believe best explains the identity and role of the 144,000?

4. The Seal of the Holy Spirit

- How does Paul describe the seal given to believers in Ephesians 1:13–14 and 2 Corinthians 1:21–22?
- What assurance does the Holy Spirit's seal provide for those who follow Christ?

- How does this spiritual sealing affect how we live and witness in the world?

Suggested Application:

1. Personal Reflection

- Have I truly accepted the gospel and been sealed by the Holy Spirit?
- Do I live with the confidence and peace that comes from being marked as God's own?
- Am I committed to God's mission, just as the 144,000 were sent to witness?

2. Commit to Faith and Obedience

- If you have never publicly declared your faith in Jesus, what step do you need to take today?
- Consider baptism, church membership, or sharing your testimony with someone this week.

3. Encouraging Others

- Share the assurance of God's seal with someone who may be struggling with doubt or fear.
- Encourage someone who is questioning their purpose to trust God's mark and mission for their life.

4. Live with Assurance and Purpose

- How does knowing you are sealed by the Holy Spirit change the way you live in a broken world?
- What's one way you can share the light of Jesus this week in your community?

Closing Prayer:

Invite someone to thank God for His seal of ownership and protection. Pray for boldness to live as those marked by His Spirit and sent into the world.

Optional Worship Song Suggestion:

- "Who You Say I Am" – A declaration of identity and belonging in Christ.
- "Holy Spirit" – A prayerful song inviting the Spirit's presence and power.